هكذا من الأصل

THE TIMES

No 62,727

FRIDAY MARCH 27 1987

25p

Incomes rise as exports hit record levels

Surprise surplus in balance of payments

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britons enjoyed the biggest increase in real incomes last year since Mrs Thatcher came to power. After allowing for tax and inflation, incomes rose by 4.2 per cent.

The figures, released yesterday, coincided with much better news on the trade front, with exports hitting a record and the balance of payments in the black against City expectations.

The strong growth in real incomes provided a boost to the Treasury, with income tax receipts up by 8.4 per cent. But the sharp rise also underlines the failure of wage settlements to move down in line with inflation.

Consumer spending, company profits, and dividends improved also.

The trade figures produced a sudden improvement in City sentiment, which had been hit by an opinion poll pointing to a hung Parliament.

The current account was in surplus by £376 million last month, after a £73 million surplus in January. Last month's surplus was the biggest since January last year.

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, described the figures as "excellent." But ministers are aware that financial markets are in a nervous state because of election uncertainties and hopes of big interest rate reductions have diminished.

The City had been expecting a sizeable deficit on the current account last month, as imports recovered from their low January levels. But the sharpest recovery was for exports. The average City expectation was for a £250 million February deficit.

As a result, the pound recovered sharply on publication of the trade data. The sterling index, which had slumped to 71.8 during the morning, jumped to 72.1 after the figures were released at 11.30, the level at which it closed the day.

Kenneth Fleet........21

The pound closed at $1.6050 marginally down on the day but above the $1.5980 level touched before the figures.

Government bonds, which had been a point down in the morning because of opinion poll findings pointing to a hung Parliament, bounced up on the trade figures but later fell back.

But sterling did not, however, follow through its initial gains and gilts ended the day with a net ¾ point loss.

Money market interest rates reversed most of their morning rises but dealers said that an early cut in base rates was not guaranteed. The Bank of England seems likely to continue its cautious approach to lowering rates.

Exports rose by £729 million, or 12 per cent, to a record £6.93 billion. Department of Trade and Industry officials said that last month's figures were boosted by some catching-up from January.

Imports rose by £426 million, or 6.5 per cent, to £71.6 billion.

As a result of these export and import figures, the visible trade deficit narrowed to £224 million last month, from £527 million in January.

Export volumes rose by 2 per cent in the latest three months and were 10 per cent up on a year earlier. The figures suggest that exports are in a period of robust growth.

The volume of imports, in contrast, fell by 3 per cent in the December-February period, although they were 11 per cent higher than a year earlier. Statisticians at the Department of Trade and Industry believe that the volume trend for imports has, at worst, flattened out

Treasury officials said that it was too early to say whether the Budget forecast of a £2.5 billion current account deficit this year would prove too gloomy.

Mr John Fleming, handcuffed to Scotland Yard detectives, arriving at Heathrow Airport yesterday after his flight from Miami (Photograph: Peter Trievnor). Full report, page 18

Legal aid shift unimaginative, say solicitors

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Government plans unveiled by the Lord Chancellor yesterday for the "biggest changes" to the £400 million legal aid scheme since it was started brought an immediate chorus of strident criticism from the Law Society and other legal groups.

Attacking the plans as "an unimaginative cost-cutting exercise" the Law Society issued a warning that the Government's aim of tighter control over the legal aid scheme could jeopardize public confidence in whether it was run impartially.

In particular the society's president, Mr John Wickerson, attacked as "astonishing" the unequivocal rejection of rights of audience for solicitors in the crown court.

The Government had "completely pre-judged" the findings both of the joint committee on the future of the legal profession and of the efficiency commission set up between the profession and the Government, due to report next week.

It had clearly "ignored cost and value for money considerations" and failed to examine the cost-effectiveness of a change to advocacy arrangements.

The Government's package aimed at lopping about £10 million from the burgeoning legal aid bill. A key proposal is for a legal aid board to take over the running of the scheme from the Law Society.

The Government has substantialy rejected the main proposal of a Treasury-led scrutiny team last July that advice work should no longer be done by solicitors but be done instead by advice agencies and bureaux.

But it intends to look at ways of doing this in the field of welfare benefits and housing, where it says advice workers have greater expertise than solicitors in private practice.

The Law Society yesterday said it was not opposed to relinquishing control of the scheme to a new board. But it expressed concern that the board, whose members will be appointed by the Lord Chancellor, should not be "starved of funds", and that it should be truly independent.

Mr Wickerson expressed particular concern over the Government's plan for a new right for a person to oppose the grant of legal aid, which, he said, could cost "thousands, if not millions".

Value for money 5
Leading article.............13

It would involve the board in every application for legal aid asking whether the opponent wanted to make representations against its being granted or not.

On the proposals on lawyers' fees, the Law Society said that the Lord Chancellor's past record for setting criminal rates of pay (on which he was sued last year) did not give them confidence that he would exercise his powers fairly in respect of other work.

The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux however welcomed the White Paper as recognizing "the vital role of CABs and other advice agencies".

The new legal aid board could be a "major step forward in matching legal services to those most in need", Miss Elizabeth Filkin, its director, said.

The Legal Action Group of lawyers and advice workers criticized the White Paper as "short and thin", and aimed at control of expenditure.

British firms in line for £1bn deals in Russia

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

On the eve of Mrs Thatcher's visit to Moscow, Mr Boris Aristov, the Soviet Foreign Trade Minister, has disclosed that negotiations are under way to involve British firms in new co-operative industrial ventures worth more than £1 billion.

He told the 71st annual meeting here of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce that, although bilateral trade between London and Moscow had tripled over the past decade, it remained below the economic potential of both nations.

"We hope this visit will give a fresh impetus to Soviet-British relations in every area," he said.

Senior British sources said it was hoped that deals worth more than £500 million would be finalized during the visit.

It is understood that the ventures Mr Aristov spoke of at the meeting, which was attended by 150 British businessmen, include two petrochemical plants worth a total of £600 million, a factory to build process control machinery worth nearly £300 million and a plant for the joint manufacture of a new commercial van estimated at £100 million.

Highest British hopes are being pinned on the finalization of long-running talks by Davy McKee to construct a

Bryan Gould 12

polyester fibre plant at Blagoveshchensk in the Bashkir autonomous republic, and by John Brown to build a new polypropylene plant in the northern Caucasus.

Also at an advanced stage are negotiations by GEC and Simon-Carves to win a contract to build a high-technology process controller manufacturing plant in the Armenian capital of Yerevan, and by Courtaulds to complete a £150 million deal to refurbish a Soviet textile complex.

A long-term boost to Anglo-Soviet trade is expected to result from the opening by Mrs Thatcher of the first permanent office in Moscow of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce in the international trade centre overlooking the Moskva River. It will have a staff of nine.

A senior Soviet trade official told British correspondents that profits in hard currency from joint ventures could be repatriated after payment of a 30 per cent Soviet tax.

Official British statistics show that last year imports from the Soviet Union totalled £694 million, while exports stood at £539 million.

Getty treasures 'could be fakes'

Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Three of the most prestigious exhibits in the Getty Museum in California, Greek marble sculptures which are said to have cost almost £7.5 million, are considered by many scholars to be fakes and the circumstances of their purchase have raised new questions about the work of Mr Jiri Frel, the Getty's former curator of antiquities.

It was revealed in *The Times* last month that Mr Frel had run a big tax fraud which led to his being relieved of his duties in April 1984. He arranged to have gifts from wealthy donors over-valued.

His three most important purchases of the preceding five years are all now challenged by scholars. They include a marble relief of a warrior bandaging the head of a dying companion, which reputedly cost £1.54 million, a marble head of Achilles attributed to Skopas, said to have cost the same, and a marble statue of a youth, or kouros, dated at 530 BC which is said to have cost £4.32 million.

It is not known where any of the three were found or when they left Greece.

Spectrum, page 10

Thatcher warning on Japanese trade

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister bluntly warned Japan yesterday that it would face British retaliation unless it opened its markets to foreign competition.

She said that the Financial Services Act and the Banking Act, which come into full effect later this year, will give the Government new powers, and that it would not hesitate to use them.

"Then we shall be able to take action where other countries do not offer the same full access to financial services as we do", she told MPs.

Whitehall sources described the new Acts as "the ace up our sleeve" because they offer Britain a retaliatory corridor otherwise denied under legally-binding international trading agreements.

Mrs Thatcher's threat came against a background of growing anger among MPs from all parties over Japan's blocking of a bid by Cable and Wireless to enter its telecommunications market.

Her determination to force the Japanese to give ground was underlined by Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the

Continued on page 18, col 1

INSIDE

Labour's R & D blueprint

Labour unveiled a multi-billion pound blueprint for encouraging research and development which it claims is vital to drag Britain back into the technological revolution.

In Brussels, Britain was accused by the chairman of the European Parliament's Research and Technology Committee of "vetoing the future of the rest of the EEC" by opposing proposed research spending..... Pages 2, 7

IN PART ②

Ready to leave

United Newspapers, publishers of the *Daily Express*, the *Sunday Express* and *The Star*, which had profits of £56.6 million, hinted it could move from Fleet Street ......Page 19

£30m trading

Alan Smith of Leicester City was sold to Arsenal for £800,000 before the Football League transfer deadline, while exchange deals pushed the past year's transfer total above £30 million ... Page 34

Flat start

Strong winds and heavy rain greeted the start of the Flat season at Doncaster as the outsider Great Chaddington won the first race.......Page 31

Law Society

The list of candidates who have successfully completed The Law Society Final Examination is published today ....Page 25

Portfolio

- The £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times *Portfolio Gold* competition was shared by three readers. Details, page 3.
- Portfolio list, page 23.

INDEX

Home News 2-5
Overseas 7,9
Business........................ 19-25
Sport 29-32,34
Arts........................17
Births, deaths, marriages.....15
City Diary 21
Court 14
Crosswords 10,18
Diary........................12
Entertainments........................16
Features........................ 10-12
Information 16
Law Report........................29
Leading articles 13
Letters........................13
Motoring........................ 26-28
Obituary 14
Parliament........................4
Sale room 14
Science........................15
Snow Reports........................32
TV & Radio........................33
Weather 18

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

'Difficult issues remain before us'

Geneva arms talks adjourn

Geneva (Reuter) — The United States and the Soviet Union yesterday adjourned talks aimed at scrapping medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, leaving important and difficult issues unresolved, the American delegation leader said.

The special session opened on March 10 after initiatives hailed as holding the first real chance for a superpower arms accord in more than a decade.

The session accomplished little, according to Western and East bloc diplomats. Both sides were awaiting talks between the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, set for Moscow on April 13-16.

Only that meeting would give the first indication of whether a superpower arms deal was in the offing after years of fruitless negotiations, the diplomats said.

Mr Maynard Glitman, who headed the American team, said: "Difficult issues remain before us; substantive issues need to be resolved." He said the Americans would insist on including strict limits on shorter-range nuclear missiles in Europe in an accord.

The US wants a medium-range missile treaty to freeze Soviet shorter-range forces at present levels and give the Americans the right to match them. The Russians say shorter-range missiles are a separate issue and should be dealt with in separate talks after a medium-range accord was signed.

The Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachov, raised the odds for a pact by reversing policy last month and announcing that Moscow would sign a separate deal on medium-range forces.

● **MOSCOW:** Differences over negotiations to eliminate medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe intensified yesterday when the Soviet Union accused the US of going back on its former position by trying to make shorter-range weapons part of the same agreement (Christopher Walker writes).

Mr Viktor Karpov, chief of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's disarmament department, flatly rejected a charge by the US State Department this week that the Kremlin had agreed since 1981 that the two types of weapon could be included in one agreement.

Mr Karpov, formerly Soviet chief negotiator at Geneva, claimed the US delegation there had long accepted that shorter-range missiles should be the subject of negotiations only after an agreement on medium-range missiles was reached.

"On March 4, the US put forward a proposal in Geneva that included a solution on tactical weapons in its draft text on medium-range weapons," he said. "So it is not the Soviet Union, but the United States which is backtracking."

Doubts grow over 'abrasive' Tebbit

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Growing doubts among Conservative ministers and MPs about the style of attack launched by Mr Norman Tebbit against the Alliance burst into the opens at the Commons last night.

During a regular weekly meeting of the party's backbench 1922 Committee, MPs banged their desks in approval after a speech attacking the Conservative Party chairman for the way he has criticized the Liberals and SDP.

Without mentioning Mr Tebbit by name, Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP for Richmond and Barnes, who has a majority of only 74 over the Liberals, said he was worried by the way the onslaught against the Alliance was concentrating on personalities, with references to the "panto horse" involving Dr Owen and Mr Steel.

In contrast to the enthusiastic reception given by Conservative MPs to Mr Hanley's remarks, Mr George Gardiner, MP for Reigate, was listened to in silence when he came to Mr Tebbit's defence.

Doubts and anxieties about Mr Tebbit's style of taking on the Alliance, and particularly the party held earlier this week to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Lib-Lab Pact, are now being voiced privately by ministers, as well as a wide range of MPs, particularly those in the South, who will be under threat from the Alliance at the General Election.

One MP said last night: "Mr Tebbit's rough-house style may be very effective against Labour, but it is entirely wrongly-pitched for the Alliance."

Instead of Mr Tebbit's abrasive manner, it is suggested a more laidback approach, including irony and wit, would be more effective.

Flash Harry meets the embarrassed capitalist

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

The first field guide to the British "yuppie" has identified six sub species of young, upwardly mobile urban professionals.

The guide was produced by Questel Qualitative Research, an affiliate of the AGB market research group, and several dozen companies, including advertising agencies, have paid the £500 cover price.

About 150 yuppies were interviewed in London, Manchester and Edinburgh for the report. They were aged between 25 and 39, and most earned £15,000 or more.

Interviewers did not tell subjects they were part of a yuppie study, believing that would spoil results.

The yuppies fell into the following classifications:

The embarrassed capitalist has a social conscience and is keen to be successful, without harming others. Appreciative of his/her social position, the embarrassed capitalist feels a responsibility to be aware of social issues and current affairs: and spends freely for real value.

The blatant competitor is driven by the desire for success and power, believing that lifestyle and possessions are the primary indicators of success. He/she is obsessed by trends, wearing the latest high-quality clothes, and driving a powerful and "flashy" car — preferably a BMW. Ostensibly wild and carefree, but secretly cautious, fearing failure.

The hedonist is the accidental yuppie. The major motivation is to enjoy life, savouring wealth and prestige. The hedonist regards his/her position as largely a matter of luck, and does not expect it to continue, thus performs as little work as possible while enjoying a hefty salary.

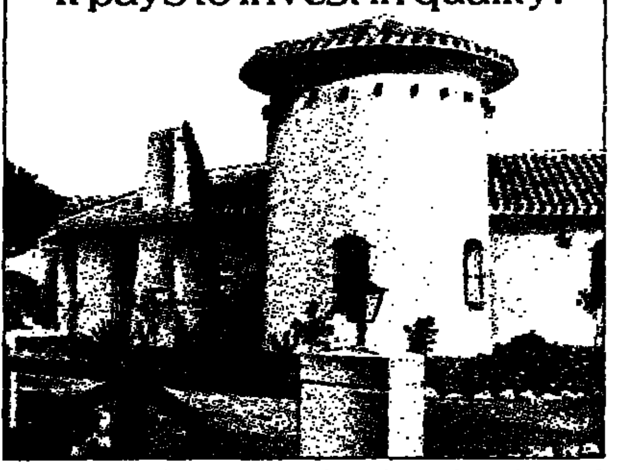
Flash Harry is a product of the working classes who is keen to do well and show off. He tries to emulate the middle classes and spends extravagantly to win acceptance.

The armchair materialist is usually working class, is wealthy and successful, but has a narrow outlook. Social life is low key and extravagance is shunned in favour of investment. For recreation, he/she stays at home a lot and watches television. Found mainly in Manchester.

The traditional striver wants to be successful and established. Aspirations focus on an impressive home with classic comforts and modern equipment. Children are delayed until thoroughly prepared. Hectic social life revolves around dinner parties.

Mrs Jane Richards, who undertook the research project (and describes herself as a probable embarrassed capitalist) said yesterday that the purpose was serious, and the research had been well received.

"The pioneering, single-minded yuppies are rather thinner on the ground than we expected," she said. "Yuppies aren't nearly as exciting as we thought they were."



La Manga Club
It pays to invest in quality.

If you are one of the astute people who see sense in combining the pleasure of *owning a magnificent* second home with the financial security such an investment offers, you will find no safer home for your money than this tailor-made haven on the Mediterranean. If you have investable assets of between £50,000 (for 2-bed apartments) up to £400,000 (for 2-3-4 bed villas), La Manga Club provides a unique refuge for you, your family *and* your money.

La Manga Club is a unique freehold property, bigger than the whole of Monte Carlo, set between a circle of hills and the blue Mediterranean.

Here you can be as active or relaxed as you please Sip a *cool drink by one of* the pools or beaches. Play on one of the two championship *golf courses* that lure Seve Ballesteros when he can take time off from competing as La Manga's touring professional. Or enjoy the David Lloyd Racquet Centre, one of the biggest in Europe. Not to speak of wind surfing, water skiing, scuba diving...

There are still a limited number of sites available in this exciting playground, where you can have your own property built and decorated to your own specification.

To assess this unique property investment opportunity, complete the coupon below for the fully comprehensive information pack.

LA MANGA Club

La Manga Club Ltd, Silver City House, 62 Brompton Road, London SW3 1BW Telephone 01-225 2215

YOUR INVITATION
Please send me details of the opportunities at the La Manga Club.
Name ____________________
Address ____________________
____
Post Code__________Tel No: ____________________
La Manga Club is a subsidiary of European Ferries Group Plc. TI 27-3

هكذا من الإهمل

NEWS SUMMARY

Jobs guaranteed for good pupils

A scheme to guarantee jobs for school leavers who have good attendance and punctuality records will provide 300 jobs in its first year of operation, it was disclosed yesterday.

To qualify for one of the jobs on offer, school leavers will need an 85 per cent attendance record and a lateness record of no more than 10 per cent.

The first phase of the scheme, backed by the Inner London Education Authority, will involve four schools in London's docklands and 50 east London businesses.

Sir David Steel, chairman of the Wellcome Trust and head of the London Education Business Partnership,said the scheme was "a major and sustained contribution to solving youth unemployment in London".

Sit-in to continue

Workers are to continue occupying the Caterpillar factory at Uddingston, Lanarkshire, in defiance of a court order. Yesterday notices to quit were sent to the homes of each of the 800 workers.

Representatives say they are seeking urgent talks with management on the union's latest set of proposals.

Caterpillar management have welcomed the union's initiative. Personnel chief Nelson Brown said: "Obviously to get this issue resolved we have got to meet".

Pay-out illegal

A £1.3 million redundancy pay-out to 638 Greater Manchester council workers before the council's abolition last April was illegal, the High Court ruled yesterday.

The council had paid out in a severance scheme.

The Greater Manchester Residuary Body, formed to oversee abolition, claimed payments could be made only if the council gave proper notice to employees, which it did not.

The employees had agreed to return the money if the pay-out was illegal.

Law Report, page 29

BBC radio dispute

BBC journalists invoked their union's disputes procedure yesterday after the corporation said it intended reducing the number of specialist radio news reporters from 12 to 10.

The Home Affairs Correspondent Chris Underwood, Transport Correspondent John Hosken, Labour Affairs Correspondent John Spicer and Agriculture Correspondent Dennis Frost have all been told they are to go, but can apply for two new posts that are to be created.

Singer is separated

Elton John, the pop singer, admitted last night that he has separated from his wife, Renate.

A statement from his London office confirming the separation comes after widespread speculation, culminating in reports that she was absent from his fortieth birthday party on Wednesday night.

The couple were married in Australia on St Valentine's Day in 1984.

BBC faces death case

The BBC is to be prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive over the death of Mr Michael Lush during the rehearsal of a stunt for Noel Edmonds' *Late Late Breakfast Show*, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Lush, aged 25, died in November 1986 when he plunged 120ft after being suspended from a crane. Two months ago an inquest jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

The executive's prosecution will be heard at Aylesbury magistrates court in Buckinghamshire on April 16.

MPs press for private sector prisons

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

A Commons select committee has agreed a report calling for privately-run prisons in spite of the unanimous opposition of its Labour members.

The Tory-controlled Home Affairs committee pushed through the report by four votes to three at a meeting on Wednesday night, but has agreed to produce a separate and unanimous report on existing state of the British prison service.

That report, to be published on April 23, is likely to paint a grim picture of chronic overcrowding, awful conditions and outdated practices in British prisons.

Public attention will not be distracted from this by the controversy over privatization.

However, Tory members believe that the first report will prepare the ground for the second report, to be published two weeks later; which will advocate privately-run prisons as a radical solution to a seemingly insoluble crisis.

Labour members of the committee consider the concept of "prisons for profit" obscene, but Tory members who went to the US to look round privately-run prisons came back hugely impressed.

The prisons were built or modernized by the contractors at their own expense and in half the time it took the public sector, and after 20 years they reverted to state ownership.

The Home Office has embarked on an urgent prison building programme of at least 16 new prisons by the early 1990s.

Together with redevelopment of existing buildings this will provide 12,000 new places, but there are doubts whether even that will be sufficient.

The latest prison population is 48,981 occupying accommodation built for 41,603 and Home Office estimates are of a possible increase of 11,400 by 1994.

● Ill-equipped and overcrowded prisons are hostile to the ready promotion of health-care, both mental and physical, for inmates, the Government said yesterday (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

The Government, replying to a report on the prison medical service by the Commons social services committee, welcomes the recognition that the "considerable defects" in prisons are a consequence of decades of neglect by successive governments, and that remedial measures are being taken.

Prison Medical Service. The Government's Reply to the Third Report from the Social Services Committee Session 1985-86. Cmnd 115: (Stationery Office: £3.90).

Labour tax incentives to aid technical development

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A multi-billion pound blueprint for encouraging research and development was unveiled yesterday by the Labour Party, which, it claims, will drive Britain back into the technological revolution.

The emphasis in the draft white paper is to increase industry research and development spending with a system of carrots and sticks until it is in line with Britain's main competitors.

Members of the scientific community, although doubting the effectiveness of some proposals, said it was an unprecedented attempt by a political party to recognize and cure the present research malaise.

Labour's main weapon would be a tax incentive system based on similar schemes in the United States, Australia, France and Japan.

The report was launched at a seminar in London yesterday, organized by the magazine. *Nature*. Its author, Dr Jeremy Bray, Labour's science and technology spokesman, said the long-term proposals did not impose firm commitments on a future Labour government, but it meant radical reforms could be brought in quickly.

Dr Bray called for an increase in civil research and development spending from £3 billion to £6 billion a year, which would lead to an increase in fixed investment of £15 billion a year and in manufacturing and marketing start-up costs of a further £15 billion.

"This would generate an increase in sales of £60 billion and of direct employment of 1 million. At the implied level of productivity that should generate a further one to 1.5 million jobs. It should also safeguard the balance of payments sufficiently to sustain committed levels of social spending", he said.

The aim would be to increase investment from 17 per cent, which is 3 per cent below OECD figures, to 23 per cent of gross domestic product.

Companies would be required to declare their research and development spending in annual reports. Ministers are already considering bringing in such a commitment because of their disappointment at industry's lack of research initiative.

The document proposes a grant of 60 per cent of the annual increase in research and development spending. It would be limited to £120 an employee in the first year, rising to £360 an employee.

Dr Bray said this would be balanced by a rise in corporation tax from 35 per cent to 40 per cent, which would be immediately recycled to industry through research and development grants.

● GEC, Britain's biggest electrical and electronics company, intends to build a £10 million research laboratory at the Cambridge Science Park, which is owned by Trinity College.

The new laboratory, which will employ 600 scientists and engineers, will be used for research into electronics, robotics and artificial intelligence and solid-state physics.

Leading article, page 13

Candidate 'made to step down'

By Roland Rudd

The ruling moderate group in the largest Civil Service union was yesterday accused of forcing a candidate for the post of deputy general secretary to withdraw.

Mr Frank Pemberton, a former vice-president of the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA), said he felt he had to step down to stop the moderate vote splitting four ways and allowing Mr John Macreadie, a Militant supporter, to win by default.

But Mr Peter Desmond-Thomas, an independent in the election, said the National Moderate Group had persuaded Mr Pemberton to withdraw to give their candidate a better chance of beating Mr Macreadie.

When the first official moderate candidate decided not to fight, Mr Pemberton stood, convinced he would get the backing of the National Moderate Group.

The group's decision to back Mr Terry Ainsworth, the acting deputy general secretary, was bitterly criticized by Mr Pemberton.

Equal pay winner returns to her job

By Robin Young
and Howard Foster

Mrs Rene Pickstone, a warehouse worker who won an equal pay test case in the Court of Appeal on Wednesday, returned to work in Peterborough yesterday and said she had no hard feelings.

But her employer, the Freeman mail order company, fears that the court ruling could damage industrial relations, and it is considering an appeal to the House of Lords.

Mrs Pickstone, a former convener for the Transport and General Workers' Union, has worked for the company for 18 years.

She said yesterday: "Freeman's have been more than fair throughout. They have always paid for the time I have had to take off to pursue the case."

When Mrs Pickstone heard about a change in the law in 1984, she got the agreement of a checking warehouseman at the factory that she could cite him as a comparison, for her claim that women workers were underpaid.

She said the court ruling – the first time judges have directly applied European Community law in Britain – is a signal victory for the cause of equal pay.

Mrs Pickstone is no longer doing the same work as when the case began. The project for which she was packing glasses was discontinued, and she is now preparing catalogues for dispatch.

Mr Evelyn Cribb, director and company secretary of Freeman, said yesterday that the judges may have unleashed a monster that could devastate industrial harmony in his business and thousands of others.

"The decision regarding the Equal Pay Act means that we now have a steamroller that will develop momentum."

The judges had interpreted an amendment to the 1970 Equal Pay Act which introduced, on the orders of the EEC, an element dealing with sex discrimination and the value of different jobs.

Mr Cribb's understanding of the amendment – subsequently accepted by two industrial tribunals – was that Mrs Pickstone's claim that her job was of equal value to that of a man working in another area but who earned more, should fail in law.

The nub of the amendment was that the equal value claim could not be brought if the employer could prove that men and women were doing the same work for the same pay. At Freeman, there are men doing the same job as Mrs Pickstone for identical pay.

Now the company foresees a situation in which a female employee could pick on a job done by a man in a totally different department and complain that both jobs were of "equal value" yet the man was earning more.

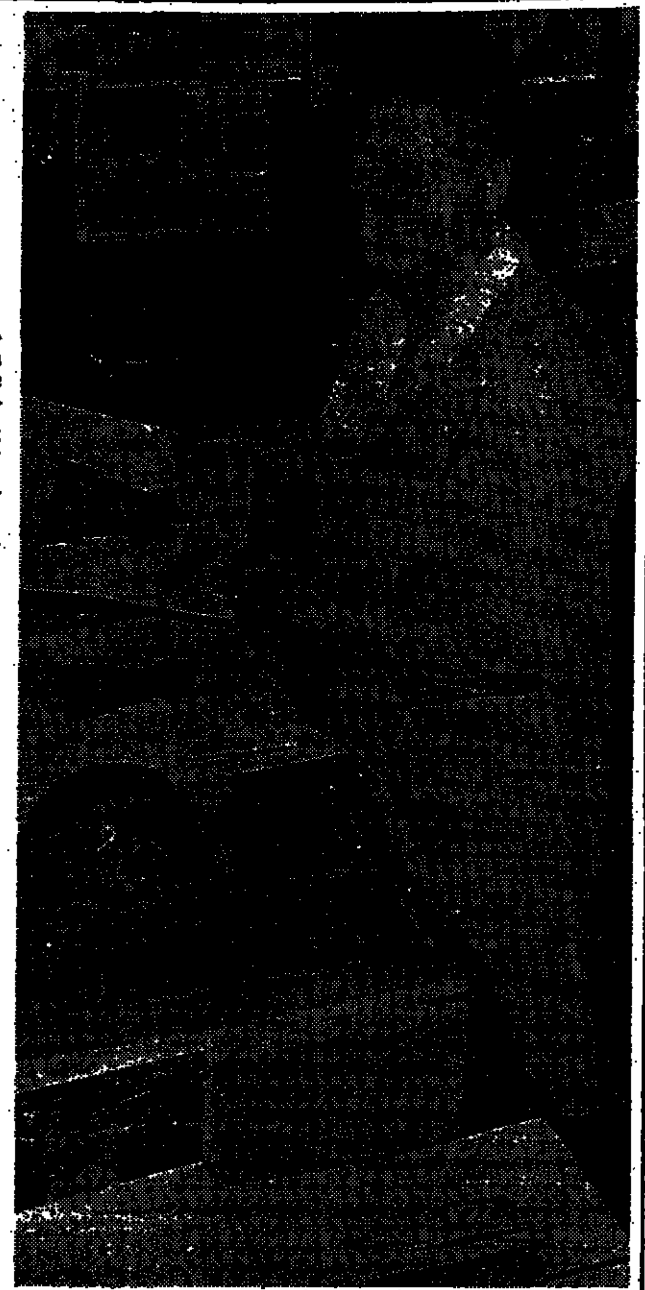
Mr Cribb said: "It is an extremely time-consuming and difficult task to evaluate different jobs. Imagine deciding whether a cook is worth more than, for example, a plumber. The whole issue rapidly moves away from being just a consideration of whether there is sexual discrimination at work.

"Furthermore, a lot of work between managements and unions goes into establishing pay differentials and scales. If these are eroded by a series of industrial tribunal cases, there could be strikes and a total souring of working atmospheres."

The company argues that Mrs Pickstone's job, packing goods ordered by customers, was less skilful than that of the man she claimed parity with. He unloaded goods and and performed more physical tasks.

Whatever the outcome of a possible appeal to the Lords, the final round of the battle will be fought at an industrial tribunal.

Freeman employs almost 90 per cent female labour at Peterborough.



Mrs Rene Pickstone back at work at Freemans yesterday (Photograph: John Manning).

Black sections

Hattersley faces poll threat

By Craig Seton

Leading black activists in the Labour Party are to launch a black section in Birmingham in defiance of warnings from the national executive that they could face expulsion.

Black activists in Birmingham also issued a warning yesterday that Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader and MP for the Sparkbrook constituency, would be openly challenged over his opposition to black sections.

The growing split in the Labour Party over black sections came to a head on Wednesday when the national executive voted to threaten disciplinary action against those members supporting "separatist" policies.

Mr Philip Murphy, a Labour councillor in Birmingham and a leading black sections supporter, said yesterday: "We treat the hysterical and puerile decision of the NEC with indifference.

"We are not afraid of the national executive or Neil Kinnock. They are afraid of us. They can only try to victimize one or two of our people and that will not deter us."

Mr Murphy said that the executive's decision would be challenged at reselection meetings. That could apply to people such as Mr Hattersley.

He said an unofficial black section had existed in Birmingham for months but it would be publicly launched in two weeks' time.

Among those due to appear at the meeting are Mr Bernie Grant, leader of Haringey council in north London, Miss Linda Belloff, leader of Lambeth council, Miss Diane Abbott of Brent council, Mr Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield, and Mr Tariq Ali.

Mr Murphy said: "It is disgraceful that there is no non-white candidate representing the Labour Party in Birmingham in Parliament".

Left-wing councillors in Birmingham who have formed a caucus known as the "Summerfield Group" were warned yesterday that they must either disband their unofficial section or leave the party.

New moves by lobby for women priests

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Further evidence of Roman Catholic opinion in favour of the ordination of women priests will be published tomorrow by the Movement for the Ordination of Women, the main Anglican lobby for female ordination.

The movement is trying to counter the claim that the introduction of women priests would jeopardize relations with the Roman Catholic Church.

It has commissioned essays from two Roman Catholics, both of whom argue that the Catholic Church's opposition to women priests is untenable.

The Church of England's General Synod has ordered draft legislation to be prepared for the ordination of women.

In the debate the effect on relationships with the Roman Catholic Church is likely to be crucial.

One of the authors is Father Philip Holdsworth, a Benedictine monk of Ampleforth Abbey, who is head of St Benet's Hall, Oxford.

He says Catholic theologians are not united on the issue.

Ms Alexina Murphy, who has a theology degree and is a member of the Catholic Women's Network, writes that "Roman Catholic women who name the injustice inherent in a male clerical system and who work for change in the Catholic Church, welcome the ordination of women in the Anglican Communion."

Hoping for Women Priests, Movement for the Ordination of Women (Napier Hall, Hide Place, Vincent Street, London SW1: 90p).

● Sixteen women are to be ordained as Church of England deacons in Sheffield Cathedral on April 5.

Church clampdown on funerals of IRA men

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Londonderry yesterday ordered a crackdown on the IRA at paramilitary funerals in the city.

Bishop Edward Daly said that requiem Mass would no longer be celebrated for IRA men at any of his churches while the coffin was there.

The move comes after Tuesday's incident when two IRA gunmen fired a volley of shots over the coffin of Gerry Logue, an IRA man, in the grounds of Long Tower Church in Londonderry.

The bishop said church grounds could not be permitted to become a battleground for anyone.

"Up until now agreements to respect churches and church grounds during such funerals have been honoured in Derry city. Now that this trust has been broken I would be failing in my responsibility as bishop if I did not take the most serious view of this situation."

He added: "While I fundamentally disagree with the intimidating and heavy-handed security presence of the Royal Ulster Constabulary at Tuesday's funeral, I was disgusted that St Columba's Church, Long Tower, and its sacred and historic grounds were desecrated by the carefully planned discharge of firearms by the Provisional IRA.

"Rather than being the occasion of a religious ceremony intended to invoke God's comfort for the bereaved and to implore mercy on the soul of the deceased, this was cynically exploited as the occasion for a cheap paramilitary propaganda stunt for the benefit of the media."

Greater use of phone tapping

By Richard Evans

Customs and police chiefs have been given permission to carry out extra telephone tapping and mail interception in the fight against serious crime, it was disclosed last night.

The "small" increase granted by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, comes after a request from the two law agencies, and will also apply to the Special Branch.

The new increase in the interceptions quota is disclosed in the first report by Lord Justice Lloyd, the commissioner appointed to report on the working of the Interception of Communications Act. It came into force last April.

No figures for the old or new quotas are provided in the report. Last night the Home Office declined to give statistics.

The report says that on December 31, 1986, there were 282 warrants issued by the Home Secretary and 35 issued by the Secretary of State for Scotland in force, compared with 286 and 24 a year earlier.

Lord Justice Lloyd, who gives a clean bill of health to all those involved in telephone and mail interception, suggests the Special Branch should stop its existing practice of applying for a one-month renewal for warrants

Too frequent renewals may not only overburden the Home Secretary but could jeopardize detecting threats to national security, the report says.

In a Commons written answer last night the Prime Minister said all the improvements and recommendations made by Lord Justice Lloyd had already been accepted and implemented.

Interception of Communications Act 1985: Report of the Commissioner for 1986 (Stationery Office; £3.10).

Editor's stand on confidence

The editor of *The Independent*, which is supporting a journalist's refusal to disclose his sources for two articles on take-over bids, told the High Court yesterday that his newspaper would not change its policy on confidentiality, even if faced with a court order.

Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, who is supporting the newspaper's business correspondent, Mr Jeremy Warner, in his refusal to disclose his sources to Department of Trade and Industry inspectors investigating insider dealing rings, said it was vital for newspapers to have a free flow of information.

In a sworn statement read to Mr Justice Hoffmann, Mr Whittam Smith said: "I think the court should be aware at this stage that whatever order it makes will not result in a change of heart on the part of Mr Warner or *The Independent* in relation to whether or not the sources of information for the articles should be identified to the inspectors".

The department is seeking a court order compelling Mr Warner to reveal his sources.

The court was told yesterday that department inspectors knew the identity of one Civil Servant who had supplied inside information to a ring of people involved in buying and selling shares worth more than £10 million.

The case continues today.

Inquiry on accident at reactor

By Our Science Editor

A special inquiry has been set up the Central Electricity Generating Board into an accident at one of Britain's largest nuclear power stations.

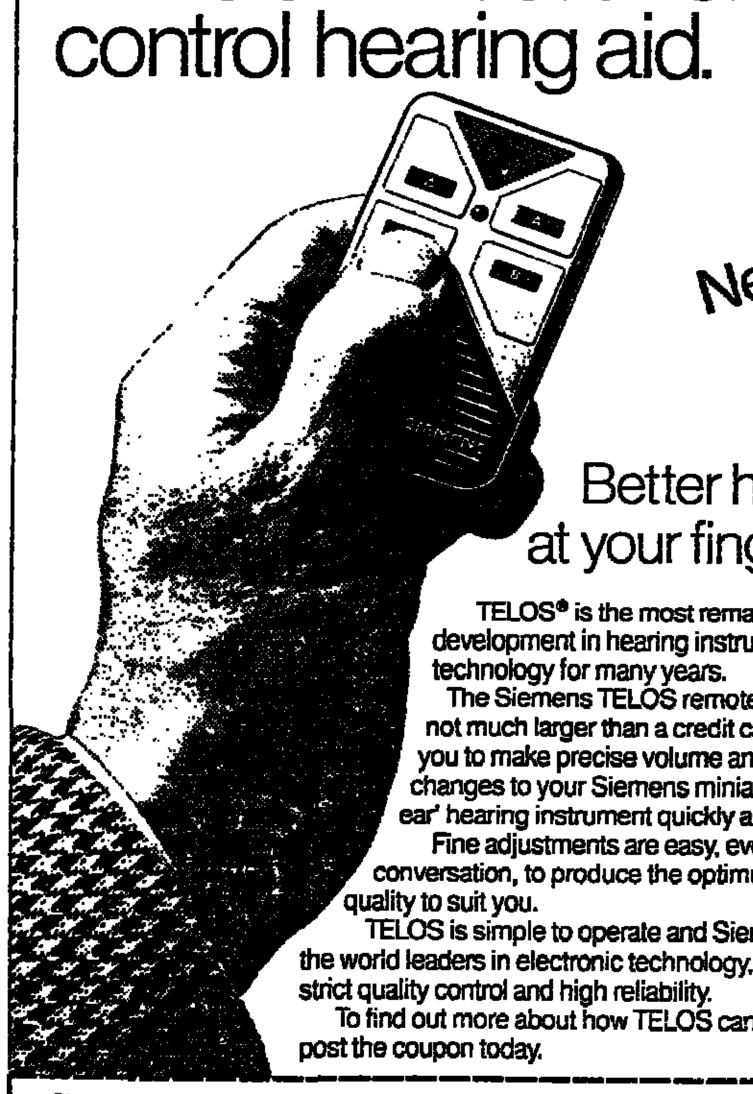
It comes after closure for repairs that will take several weeks at one of the reactors at the AGR (Advanced Gas-cooled Reactor) power station at Hartlepool, Cleveland.

Damage was caused by when the tube in a boiler burst last week. More than a ton of water was released, and some of it flooded electrical motors that force carbon dioxide gas around the reactor to keep it cool.

The board said 10 of the 16 motors remained in operation. But even if all had failed, the heat would have been removed through natural circulation of the cooling gas, which continued for several hours.

The board also disclosed that a new dam was to be built to replace the present Maentwrog dam, in Gwynedd, because of deterioration in its concrete.

The dam supplies the feed water for a hydro-electric power project and the cooling water supply for the Trawsfynydd nuclear power station. It will cost about £8 million to replace.



SIEMENS

TELOS-at last a remote control hearing aid.

New

Better hearing at your fingertips.

TELOS® is the most remarkable development in hearing instrument technology for many years.

The Siemens TELOS remote control unit, not much larger than a credit card, enables you to make precise volume and tone changes to your Siemens miniature 'in-the-ear' hearing instrument quickly and discreetly.

Fine adjustments are easy, even during conversation, to produce the optimum sound quality to suit you.

TELOS is simple to operate and Siemens, one of the world leaders in electronic technology, ensure strict quality control and high reliability.

To find out more about how TELOS can help you, post the coupon today.

Siemens Hearing Instruments Limited
Buckingham House, Buckingham Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 2LA.
Telephone: 0296 27446.

Please post me more information on the TELOS remote control hearing instrument.

Name ____________
Address ____________
____________ Postcode ______

A better life from clearer hearing.

TT 27/3/87

هكذا من الأصل

Husband describes bedroom killings to 'Reggie Perrin' jury

By Ian Smith

Robert Healey, a driving instructor, wept yesterday as he told a jury of the night his wife and step-daughter died in his bedroom.

He said: "It was like a film. It was like I was watching myself on television."

Mr Healey, aged 38, of Longmead Avenue, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire, denies murdering his wife, Greeba, aged 40, and his step-daughter, Marie Walker, aged 13.

He told the jury at Liverpool Crown Court how he had sexual intercourse with his wife early on July 29, 1986. But she had criticized his lovemaking.

He later woke up: "I felt upset. I felt like screaming. I felt frustrated."

Mr Healey said he went downstairs. "I stared at things. There was a rolling pin. I picked it up.

"I was telling myself 'for God's sake stop it, stop it.'

"I went to our bedroom. I walked round the bed. I hit her with the rolling pin on the head.

"She jumped up. She didn't say anything. She didn't scream, she just moaned. I hit her again, I don't know how many times. Eventually she was down on the floor."

His step-daughter then came in. "I told her to get out. My hand caught her face", Mr Healey said.

"I made a grab for her. I didn't want her to see her mother on the floor. I grabbed her by the throat and pushed her up against the wall.

"The next thing I remember she was down on the floor. I don't know how long it was before I realized they were both dead."

After putting both bodies on the back seat of his wife's car and covering them with a blanket, he spent three hours scrubbing walls, rearranging furniture, changing bed linen and moving carpets to cover the bloodstains.

"I could not think clearly because everything was such a jumble on that night. I didn't really know what I was doing. I felt I had to get away, I just wanted to kill myself", he added.

The prosecution alleges that he buried the bodies in woodland at Holywell near-by before faking suicide by leaving a pile of clothes on the beach at Prestatyn in North Wales.

In court yesterday Mr Healey was accused of trying to escape arrest for the killings by staging a carefully rehearsed reconstruction of the plot in the Reginald Perrin television series.

In the series, Perrin who was played by the late Leonard Rossiter, was seen at the beginning of each programme leaving his clothes on a deserted beach so police would believe he had walked into the sea.

Video recordings of the programme were found in the lounge of Mr Healey's home next to a letter written by him which ended: "I hope the crabs and fish eat my body. I don't want to live any more."

But under cross examination Mr Healey denied copying the theme of the television series to prevent his own arrest.

The court has heard medical evidence that the girl had sexual intercourse at about the time of her death. But yesterday Mr Healey denied that he had such a relationship with his step-daughter.

He said that bloodstains discovered on the girl's mattress were caused by a nosebleed a week before her death.

He told the court: "She was like a daughter to me."

The case continues today.

European air travel

Tribunal to rule on fares

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

European governments have agreed to set up a tribunal to settle disputes over air fares.

The deal, made in Brussels this week, could go a long way towards solving the problem of airline competition on economy and club class fares.

Under existing regulations, most governments in Europe can block cut-price proposals by a foreign airline. But now all 12 EEC nations have agreed on a tribunal which will settle disputes.

The deal was disclosed by Mr Michael Spicer, the minister responsible for aviation, at a seminar in London. The tribunal will consist of one person from each country directly involved in any dispute, plus one independent.

Should British Airways, for example, want to reduce economy fares to Paris but be opposed by the French, it would have the right to ask the British Government to appeal to the tribunal.

The deal is one of several reached in in talks between ministers and officials aimed at achieving a package of proposals by June 9.

Should any of the proposals fail to gain unanimous support, the entire package would fall and Europe's drive towards liberalization would be severely handicapped.

Mr Spicer made clear yesterday that there were some areas in which agreement was a long way off.

"I must say how depressing and extraordinary it is that some countries seem to want to move backwards on the more flexible arrangements we had agreed for airlines to mount extra capacity and new services", he said.

He said Britain is aiming at a united air transport industry within Europe within five years.

● Twenty-eight local authorities said yesterday that any attempt to add a fifth terminal at Heathrow or a second runway at Gatwick would meet bitter local opposition.

Mr Douglas Robertson, chairman of a consortium of county councils, London boroughs and district councils, told a seminar in London: "If they made that decision we would have to change our tactics from being persuasive to being agrressive."

The views of the consortium — the National Policy for Britain's Airports — showed the enormous problem facing any government in planning new developments to cope with Britain's overcrowded airport system.

The consortium wants any further airport development in the South-east to be concentrated at Stansted, whose local authorities and opposition groups are not represented on the committee.

Miss Sue Forsyth, who leads a campaign to curb developments at Stansted, said yesterday: "They have chosen the wrong title if they say they are the 'national' group. They certainly do not represent us.

"In fact it has already been stated by inspectors that a fifth terminal at Heathrow must be built before any further development at Stansted."

Development threat to Nene Valley

By Mark Ellis

Development in two villages in the Nene Valley, planned to meet Cambridgeshire's housing needs until the year 2001, will threaten one of Britain's most picturesque areas, it was claimed yesterday.

The controversial scheme to build 4,600 homes is to be adopted today, but it is argued that a disused brick pit on the outskirts of Peterborough is equally suitable.

Villagers of Castor (population 760) and Ailsworth (460) fear that the proposed development would turn their rural communities into a sprawling township.

Cambridgeshire County Council has rejected the brick pit as an alternative site, in spite of plans to build there by its owners, the London Brick Property.

Mr Arthur Chilvers, of the committee for the preservation of the Nene Valley, said: "If, as expected, the council approves the Castor/Ailsworth plan, we will lobby Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary".

Arts Council boost for videos and TV films

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The Arts Council is to encourage specialized film and video recording production as a way of making the arts more accessible at a lower cost.

It has reached agreement with Channel 4 and Central Television to produce films jointly for television and to provide money for artists to create works of art using video techniques.

The council is spending about £500,000 on the scheme.

The Channel 4 deal will provide the council with £105,000 this year and with £110,000 next year to support a series of films about art and artists.

The arrangement with Central Television calls for jointly financing a filmed profile and assessment of the work of Jacob Epstein, the sculptor.

Mr Rodney Wilson, director of the council's film, video and broadcasting department, said the aim was to make money work more productively. "We have to stop seeing television and the media in competition, and see them as complementary."

He said that for the first time, an Arts Council film is to be shown on the Public Broadcasting Service in America. *Steve Reich: A New Musical Language* was produced by the council in co-operation with WNET/13, the public broadcasting station in New York city.

In 1986-87, three films were jointly financed by the council and Channel 4: *Invocation: Maya Deren*, directed by Jo Ann Kaplan; *Futurism*, directed by Lutz Becker; and *Sounds for Sore Eyes: Max Eastley and the Bow Gamelan Ensemble*", directed by Simon Reynell.

The council's film co-produced last year with the BBC, *Jessye Norman*, has been sold to 13 countries.

● The Arts Council has invited artists to participate in a new scheme with Channel 4 allowing them to create video work for television.

Opera for BBC viewers, page 5

Drug disclosure law is challenged

New laws to make drug traffickers give up the proceeds of their crimes were successfully challenged in the High Court.

Mr Justice Webster ruled that a defendant should be free from the fear of self-incrimination when disclosing information ordered by the courts.

In a test case ruling on the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986, the judge said the prosecution could not ask the unnamed defendant for information unless they gave an undertaking that they would not use it for criminal proceedings against him.

He said the privilege against self-incrimination would not always defeat the right to discover information. But it should remain unless some other protection was available, where there was a likelihood the discovery would lead to a person being prosecuted.

The judge said discovery might disclose the existence of considerable sums in a bank account which could provide a prosecutor with evidence he would want to rely on. That in itself would not defeat the discovery, provided the undertakings were forthcoming.

The challenge to the Act, which came into force in January, was made by a man charged with conspiring to supply a controlled drug. The judge said he should not be named in case it prejudiced a fair trial.

Tropical cucumbers make dear slices

Unfamiliar tropical fruit are gaining increasing acceptability and no country has proved more adept at popularizing and marketing them than New Zealand.

Having successfully renamed the Chinese gooseberry kiwi fruit, it has turned its attention to the African horned cucumber, or jelly melon, which is being grown in New Zealand and exported to Japan under the name of kiwano.

Small quantities are appearing in Britain, but being still scarce cost up to £5 each. The fruit is oblong with a horned or spiny surface, and the flesh is said to taste like a mixture of banana and lime.

Nearer at home, growers in Guernsey are striving to emulate the New Zealanders and as well as growing kiwi fruit are also producing the babaco, a native of Ecuador and a relative of the paw-paw, which is claimed to have digestive properties.

A more familiar choice in the shops includes bananas at 40-54p a lb, oranges 8-20p each, Galia melons at £1.20-£2.20 each and Honeydews at £1-£1.75 each, grapefruit at 10-25p each and a wide variety of grapes from 70p a lb.

Cape and Chilean plums at 50-90p a lb and Williams pears at 39-50p a lb are recommended. But the choice of new season southern hemisphere apples is still limited.

This is a poor time of year for vegetables too, and it is best to rely on home-grown standbys such as cabbage at 12-25p a lb, carrots 10-15p, leeks 25-50p, parsnips 15-25p and of course potatoes 12-16p. Cauliflowers are still expensive at 60p-£1 each.

Whiting and coley are good value at £1.32 and £1.04 respectively. Herring is also down sharply by 8p to 74p a lb but the fish are rather small.

Mr Steve Brooks, a master brewer, pulls pint number 188 — one of 800 different beers entered for the British brewing industry's international competition in the town hall at Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire. The beers, from 32 different countries, are said to be the largest selection assembled in Britain. They will be judged today (Photograph: John Rogers).

Army deaths

Inquests told of soldiers' suicides

By Tony Dawe

Two young soldiers killed themselves after tense meetings with officers, two separate inquests at Ashford, Kent, were told yesterday.

Both trained at the Junior Infantry Battalion at Shorncliffe, near Folkestone, now at the centre of a Royal Military Police investigation into allegations of brutality by non-commissioned officers.

But the inquests were told that dozens of statements taken from junior soldiers had failed to produce any evidence of bullying at the barracks.

Jeffrey Singh was training at Shorncliffe when he was found hanging from a pipe in the lavatory block on January 29. His death came after an interview with senior officers about allegations that NCOs had taken chocolate bars and sweets from recruits.

Singh then had a meeting with Corporal Steven Bardon, one of those under investigation. His body was found a few minutes later by the corporal who was, according to witnesses, near hysterical.

The second inquest was told that a week of tension last December, between Private Nicholas Burnup and Corporal David Bumstead, who were responsible for running an Army shooting range, ended with the private shooting the corporal and turning the gun on himself.

The new evidence about the Army deaths, which had been surrounded by controversy, emerged at preliminary hearings called by Mr Brian Smith, the coroner.

Mr Smith summarized the evidence collected by police in both cases. He said several junior soldiers had heard Jeffrey Singh talking about family problems at home and had spoken of committing suicide. But in the days immediately before his death his health had seemed better

The coroner said there was some evidence that he had been subjected to racial abuse and along with other recruits had been forced to parade in barracks naked except for a belt and mess tin.

But all the statements from junior soldiers said there had been no bullying and that Corporal Bardon had been sympathetic towards recruits' problems.

On the afternoon of his death, Jeffrey Singh was called in to see his second in command and the company sergeant-major to discuss allegations that the permanent staff had taken chocolates and sweets from recruits. Corporal Bardon had heard about the interviews and feared a witchhunt was going on.

The second inquest was told the Private Burnup had also trained at Shorncliffe before joining the Queen's Regiment last autumn. He had gone to work on the ranges at Hythe where, Mr Smith said, he seemed to become increasingly irritated at some of the miner duties he was called on to perform.

The final straw came when Corporal Bumstead, known to his colleagues as "the gentle giant", held Private Burnup against a wall and gave him a dressing down. The incident had been witnessed by the range warden, Alan Rothwell.

The coroner also referred to a statement by Private William Lee, who said that Private Burnup had replied: "He has been like that all week. I have had to put up with it and it is getting on my nerves."

Shortly after the confrontation with Corporal Bumstead, other people on the range heard shots.

Both inquests were adjourned until May.

Executives get Aids warning

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Business executives who travel abroad must beware the hazards of sexual intercourse because they are now a prime risk group for catching Aids.

One night in Bangkok, Manila, Hong Kong or Tokyo could be fatal, according to Dr Richard Dawood, author of a medical guide for travellers.

"Foreign businessmen are an easily identifiable target for prostitutes, who in some cities have Aids infection rates approaching 100 per cent", he says in the latest issue of *Business Traveller* magazine.

"Any such sexual encounter carries a risk that is rapidly becoming unacceptable."

Dr Dawood says that travelling British executives have so far ignored the risks of contracting a sexually transmitted disease while abroad.

"Not all business travellers go abroad looking for sexual adventure but it seeks them out sooner or later", he says.

"Awareness that these diseases exist has so far done little to influence sexual behaviour, especially in people who travel. Fear of Aids will change all that."

Dr Dawood said that to be on the safe side businessmen should "avoid massage parlours and singles bars".

He advises them to avoid temptation by travelling with their sexual partner. "It is a suggestion that companies should examine carefully", the article concludes.

According to an article in *The Lancet* earlier this month, an epidemic of Aids among white males working on contracts in central Africa is growing and contributing to the spread of the disease throughout the world.

A study by French researchers of French technicians, tradesmen, soldiers and engineers who developed Aids showed they probably caught the infection from prostitutes or other women while based in Africa. Almost all of the 14 men who were studied have since died of the disease.

Search of moors renewed

Police yesterday renewed their search for the bodies of two missing children who detectives believe may have been buried on the Yorkshire moors more than two decades ago.

The search centred on Shiny Brook, Saddleworth, a marshy area pinpointed by Myra Hindley who was sentenced to life imprisonment for her part in the moors murders with her lover, Ian Brady.

Police are searching for clothing thought to be buried near the bodies of Pauline Reade, aged 16, who disappeared in July 1963 and Keith Bennett, aged 12, who vanished 11 months later.

Soccer player is bound over

John McNaught, the Chelsea footballer who was arrested holding a bread knife outside his home in Fulham, south-west London, was bound over in the sum of £250 yesterday.

West London Court was told that McNaught, aged 22, had armed himself after being attacked a number of times.

£99,990 for road worker

A road worker whose personality changed after he was hit on the head by a passing lorry's wing mirror, was yesterday awarded £99,990 damages in the High Court.

Mr Brian Smith, aged 46, of Winifred Road, Waterlooville, Hampshire, who had become a violent and aggressive man, was awarded damages and costs against the lorry owners and his former employers, who both denied liability.

Secrets find

Computer discs containing high-security information from the Malvern defence research establishment, Hereford and Worcester, which were left in two computers sold at a second hand shop in Oxford at the weekend, were recovered yesterday.

Marriage over

Lord Cross, aged 66, and his third wife, aged 60, both of Wildwood, Itchenor, near Chichester, West Sussex, were each granted a decree nisi in the High Court, London, yesterday.

Torso inquest

An inquest was opened and adjourned at Eastbourne yesterday into the death of a woman whose torso was found in Ashdown Forest last August.

Portfolio
—Gold—

Win gives chance to visit Japan

Three readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Chris Moreton, aged 35, of Conway Street, Marylebone, London, said he would spend the money on a visit to Japan to brush up on his forthcoming performance as a Japanese warrior in the opera *The Mikado*.

"I love opera", Mr Moreton, who is an accountant, said, "and I am just so delighted that I now have an opportunity to give my best performance."

Mr Donald Weeks, aged 65, from Stoke Bishop, Bristol, is hoping to put his money towards a new car.

Mrs Anne Sampson, aged 33, of Belgrave Road, Barnes, London, said she was delighted and thrilled.

Readers can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

Portfolio Gold
The Times
PO Box 40
Blackburn
BBI 6AJ

Mr Chris Moreton, one of three winners

Case put back

Magistrates at Billericay, Essex, adjourned for four weeks yesterday a £500,000 VAT fraud case against Mr Terry Ramsden, the football entrepreneur who is head of the Glen International investment company. Mr Ramsden, aged 34, of Nevedon Road, Wickford, Essex, was not in court.

CENTRAL
Central Independent Television plc

"Another record year"

reports David Justham, Chairman

Unaudited Results

Year ended 31 December	1986 £'000	1985 £'000
Turnover	195,178	165,046
Group profit before taxation	16,581	11,856
Taxation	(6,467)	(5,262)
Profit after taxation	10,114	6,594
Dividends paid and proposed	(4,322)	(3,136)
Retained profit for year	5,792	3,458
Earnings per share	40.0p	26.2p

The figures for the year ended 31 December 1986 have been extracted from the full accounts which have not yet been reported on by the Company's auditors and have not been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

● Turnover increased by 18%.
● Profit before taxation increased by 40%.
● Earnings per share increased by 53%.
● A final dividend of 13p per share is proposed in addition to the interim of 4p already paid, making a total of 17p compared with 12.5p for 1985, an increase of 36%.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on 21 May 1987, and copies of the 1986 *Report and Accounts* will be available from 30 April 1987 from the Secretary, Central House, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2JP.

هكذا من الأمل

Scottish law may have aided PC

Police Constable Keith Blakelock might still be alive today if the law of Scotland had applied in England because his murderer would never have been released on bail, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C), a former Solicitor General for Scotland, said during business questions.

Ministers should therefore use the Criminal Justice Bill (which MPs will further consider next week) to amend the Bail Act in English law.

Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip, replied that all MPs shared Mr *Fairbairn's concern about this* issue and he would refer his remarks to the Home Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd).

EEC debate called for

The unprecedented decision by the Court of Appeal on equal pay showed that the House of Commons was wasting its time because the law passed by the British Parliament had been disregarded, Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) said during business questions.

MPs should therefore debate the implications for the sovereignty of the House of that judgement before it debated anything else.

Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip, said that the business planned for next week would probably be duller than the debate Mr Taylor proposed but he thought they should proceed with it anyway.

Research pay discussed

The Secretary of State for Education and Science (Mr Kenneth Baker) has had talks with the chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council about the council's deicision to defer new applications for research grants until September, Mr George Walden, Under-Secretary of State at the department, said in a written reply.

The council had taken this step in order to absorb the cost to it in 1987-88 of the recently agreed pay settlement for university academic staff. "It *is for the research councils to* decide how best to manage their priorities, but we are discussing with them the implications of this particular settlement."

Tax reform consultation

The level of response from the public to the Government's consultation exercise on personal tax reform was discussed during Commons questions.

Mrs Marion Roe (Broxbourne, C) raised the question of representations to the Government since the announcement that it would not proceed *immediately* with the reforms. One of the main reasons for the low level of response was that the main beneficiaries of transferable allowances were married women who did not have a pressure group to represent them.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, agreed. It was always difficult *with consultation exercises in* that one got a response from the various pressure groups and lobbies but remarkably few responses from the public.

Call for debate on science

MPs should have a debate on science in view of the gulf between the Government's policy and the desires of the scientific community and the public, Sir Ian Lloyd (Havant, C) said during business questions in the Commons.

Mr John Wakeham, Government Chief Whip, replied that he agreed that this was a very important subject though he could not promise an early debate.

Lunch gibe at Hattersley

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Chancellor, was greeted with loud ironic cheers by *Conservative MPs when he* entered the chamber a few minutes after Treasury question time began.

Moments earlier, Mr Lawson, the Chancellor, had noted his absence by commenting: He has not apologized if he is going to be back late from one of his well known lunches.

New firms

The regular growth of new businesses, even after deducting those which closed, had been running at something like 500 a week, which was far more than in any other previous post-war period, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during Commons questions.

Badger job

The Government has appointed Mr Mark Thomasin-Foster, an Essex farmer and national vice-chairman of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, as independent chairman of the Consultative Panel on Badgers and Tuberculosis, Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a written reply.

Royal Assent

Royal Assent was announced the Consolidated Fund Act.

'Live in Russia' suggestion to Benn

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, won loud cheers during question time when she offered to use her visit to Moscow to secure a resident's permit for Mr Tony Benn after his criticisms of human rights in this country in the Soviet press.

She said that Mr Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) had used the liberties of this country extensively over many years. If he found he could no longer tolerate them, she would be delighted to ask Mr Gorbachov on his behalf for a resident's permit.

Her offer came at question time in reply to **Mr Michael Fallon** (Darlington, C), who said that when she raised the issue of human rights in Moscow, with all-party support in the House, Britain's case would not have been helped by the extraordinary article in the Soviet press condemning Britain's record on human rights by Mr Benn.

Would it not help if these remarks were immediately disowned by the deputy Leader of the Opposition [Mr Roy Hattersley, deputizing at Prime Minister's questions for Mr Neil Kinnock, who is in America]?

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, asked whether, during her visit to Moscow, she would be raising the question of the test ban treaty, in which Britain was a direct participant. He asked her to explore the possibility of an interim agreement on a reduced numnber of tests, which would lower the threshold.

He suggested that they should build on article 4 of the 1977 treaty on accidental use of nuclear weapons. She should also raise with the Soviet Union the serious problem of a danger to shipping in the Straits of Hormuz, on which there should be united action. The Soviet Union could help in seeing that the threat to shipping was resisted internationally.

Mrs Thatcher: I have made my view clear on the step-by-step approach on the first subject. There is nothing further to report. It is possible that the Foreign Secretary (Sir Geoffrey Howe) may deal with the 1977 treaty with the Soviet Foreign Minister. We have already raised the shipping matter in the UN Security Council.

Mr Kenneth Warren (Hastings and Rye, C): When she raises human rights with Mr Gorbachov he will say that it is an internal matter. Will she make clear that human rights are, to us in the West, the foundation of democracy and that if he wants to deal with us, he must understand that once and for all.

Mrs Thatcher: We shall raise matters of human rights and I have a tremendous number of cases which have been raised with me.

Attitude of Japanese over trade being tested

PRIME MINISTER

The Japanese attitude to the Cable and Wireless attempt to invest in Japan is a test case on the openness of the market there, the Prime Minister said at question time. She made clear that the British Government would soon have the power to *retaliate against unfair access to* financial services.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) had asked if Mrs Thatcher had seen recent reports that the Japanese Government intended to squeeze Cable and Wireless out of their planned investment in the Japanese telecommunications industry. What was the Government going to do about it?

Mrs Thatcher: I did write to the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, on March 4 to express our interest in the Cable and Wireless bid. I have not yet had a reply (Opposition laughter).

We see this as a test case of how open the Japanese market really is. I would *remind* the House we shall have more powers than we have now when the powers of the Financial Services Act and the Banking Act become available. We shall be able to take action in cases where other countries do not offer the same full access to financial services as we do.

Mr Cranley Onslow: Asked about ministers' intentions.

Earlier, during Treasury questions, **Mr John Watts** (Slough, C) said that Britain's performance in productivity in manufacturing industry in the 1980s had outstripped even that of Japan. Did that account for the reluctance of Japan to allow access to British exporters on fair terms to their market?

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor: It is perfectly true that during the 1980s as a whole, our manufacturing productivity has grown fastest of all the G7 countries, those that go to annual economic summits.

As for Japanese conduct and the most recent conduct in particular in apparently shutting out Cable and Wireless from an important contract in Japan — that's unacceptable.

Mr Jack Straw (Blackburn, Lab) asked whether the Chief Secretary to the Treasury shared the widespread concern throughout the House about the effect of Japanese trade barriers, which were so discriminatory against the British manufacturing industry?

"If he does share that concern, what action does the Government intend to take to deal with Japan?"

Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that he did share that concern and the previous day Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had made clear the Government's action.

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, Lab) said that nothing appeared to be happening, even a letter to the Japanese Prime Minister had not been answered.

Mr MacGregor agreed that letters had not been answered and that was one of the issues *the Government* was continuing to pursue.

Mr Anthony Blair (Sedgefield, Lab) said that the problem of Japan was not exactly new. Even last November the Prime Minister had been saying that what happened in Japan should happen in Britain and vise versa.

Since then the Government had not even been able to get a reply from the Prime Minister of Japan to a letter. What action was going to be taken to translate the Government's rhetoric into reality?

Mr MacGregor said that if Mr Blair put the question of the letters to Mrs Thatcher, he would get a very clear answer on the point.

During business questions, **Mr Roy Hattersley**, deputy leader of the Opposition, said that MPs on all sides were anxious for a debate on trade with Japan and there was no disposition to wait for the post. Could they have a debate in the immediate future?

Mr John Wakeham, Government Chief Whip, replying in the absence of Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, said that he would refer his request to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (Mr Paul Channon).

Mr Michael Grylls (Surrey North West, C) said that there was very strong feeling in the House about the stubborn refusal of the Japanese Government to allow Cable and Wireless to play a full part in international telecommunications and many MPs from all sides had signed a motion protesting about this.

An early debate should be arranged so that MPs could make clear how very strongly they felt on the issue.

Mr Wakeham said that the *Government* was well aware of the concern felt in the House and he would refer Mr Grylls's request to Mr Biffen to see what could be done.

Sir Dudley Smith (Warwick and Leamington, C) said that the patience of millions of industrialists had been sorely tried by the imbalance in trade between Britain and Japan and that had all been crystallized during question time yesterday. He urged the Government to arrange an early debate.

Mr Wakeham said that he recognized the importance of the issue but he could add nothing to what he had already said.

MPs will have a full day's debate next Wednesday on the reintroduction of capital punishment, *Mr John Wakeham*, Government Chief Whip (above), announced when replying to business questions in the Commons in the absence of Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the House.

He felt that if the House was to have a debate on the subject then it should be carried out in a properly structured way and he had had discussions with leaders of the other parties about it. It would be the Government's intention to table a motion that would allow for a full day's debate next week and a vote at a reasonable time.

Mr Wakeham was replying to a question from *Mr Roger Gale* (Thanet North, C), who said that the last time the House debated the death penalty Conservative MPs had divided roughly two-thirds in favour and one-third against. That was not surprising as that was broadly in line with public opinion.

But it was surprising that the Opposition parties had voted almost unanimously against it. Could Mr Wakeham try to ensure that this time as well as a free vote for Conservative MPs there was a genuinely free vote for Opposition MPs rather than what was euphemistically known as a light three-line whip?

Mr Wakeham said that he did not think that such mysteries were best aired on the floor of the House.

Labour move to soften immigration Bill

TAMILS

A move to encourage airlines and shipping companies to carry people from foreign countries to Britain even if they did not have the required documentation was made by the Opposition when MPs began detailed discussion in committee on the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Bill.

The Bill gives the Home Secretary power to make carriers pay financial penalties if they bring to the UK passengers who fail to produce valid documents to the immigration authorities. The measure comes after the controversial case of the 64 Tamils who came to Britain last month and whom Mr Hurd tried to remove. Their cases are now being considered individually.

Mr Alfred Dubs, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, moved an amendment which he said dealt with the right of asylum and which went to the heart of criticisms of the Bill.

The amendment would give carriers *at least* some incentive to bring someone to this country, even if they did not have documentation, if the carrier had good reason to believe that the person would be given exceptional right to remain here when they applied for asylum.

Mr Dubs said that if the amendment were accepted the Bill would still be undesirable but not quite so bad.

If the amendment were rejected the Bill would probably be in breach of the United Nations convention. In the newspapers today there were reports about a Ugandan citizen refused political asylum who tried to commit suicide at Gatwick Airport and had hanged himself in prison. He had been in fear of his life in Uganda.

It was a tragic story of a man so convinced of the danger if he were forced to return to his own *country and so dismayed* at Home Office refusal to allow him to stay as a refugee that he felt he had no option but to kill himself.

Dame Judith Hart (Clydesdale, Lab) said that there is no way, if you were crossing over mountains and making your way out of a country with a military regime where tortures and atrocities are practised that you could set yourself up with the proper documents and a visa by going to the British Embassy to get them.

Mr Timothy Raison (Aylesbury, C) said that it was reasonable to introduce a visa system and it was right to find ways to operate and enforce it.

Welsh committee dissenters fire broadside at report

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Commons select committee that has spent two and a half years producing a report of disputed worth was yesterday the subject of a remarkable broadside from two of its own members.

The Welsh Affairs committee inquiry into tourism in Wales was ill timed, inordinately long, *oblivious* to grassroots opinion and largely orchestrated by the Wales Tourist Board which was itself a subject of the investigation, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP for Caernarfon, and Dr Roger Thomas, Labour MP for Carmarthen, said in a dissenting report.

The main report criticized the Prince and Princess of Wales. Noting that Scotland attracted twice as many foreign visitors as Wales, the Tory-controlled committee said that bagpipes, tartans and Scotch whisky gave Scotland a "hard image" that Wales lacks.

"Wales might lay claim to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, but it may well be thought that London benefits more from them than the principality."

Mr Wigley and Dr Thomas said in their minority report that what was meant to be an independent inquiry had been conducted "with much too close a working relationship with the Wales Tourist Board to be totally free of any suggestion that we were unduly influenced by them".

The committee had spent 12 days in Wales making "enjoyable" visits to tourist attractions arranged mostly by the Wales Tourist Board. It was almost always accompanied closely by board officials, and that had inhibited criticism of the board by tourist operators. In future much greater detachment from public bodies was needed "so that our conclusions are beyond reproach".

Small tourist operators at the "sharp end" of the industry had had scant opportunity to give evidence.

The report was "badly timed". The Wales Tourist Board had been reorganized in August 1984, the month the *committee received its first* evidence, and the inquiry should have begun either two years earlier or two years later.

It also took so long to complete that early evidence became irrelevant. In future there should be a 12-month time limit.

Mr Gareth Wardell, Labour chairman of the committee, denied yesterday that the board had organized the visits and said that he had spent long hours talking to small operators during the evenings. He was the only MP present on all 12 days.

The main report recommended predominantly structural, marketing and financial measures to promote tourism in Wales. The minority report agrees with many of them, but places greater emphasis on the need to promote tourism without incurring local hostility.

"There are undoubtedly pockets in which tension between the tourist industry and the indigenous population has been noticeable."

That had been exacerbated by rowdyism, litter, a surfeit of holiday homes and the attitude of some tourists. One English visitor had told the committee that the Welsh language movement "must be subjugated entirely because its use...is an affront to the tourist".

Apart from visiting Wales, the committee also spent £3,000 visiting Sheveningen in Holland as part of the inquiry. *Committee on Welsh Affairs: Tourism in Wales* (Stationery Office: £6).

Thatcher denies health charge

POVERTY

The Prime Minister denied charges during question time that the policies of her Government were responsible for lower life expectancy among the low paid and unemployed.

In reply to Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, she emphasized that the Government had not in any way attempted to prevent publication of a report by the Health Education Council called *Inequalities in Health in the 1980s [The Health Divide]*.

Mr Hattersley had asked when she had first become aware of the report which the chairman of the Health Education Council (Sir Brian Bailey) had attempted to supress.

Mrs Thatcher: I first became aware of it when I read the newspapers this morning. The report has not yet been endorsed by the chairman of the Health Education Council nor by its members.

The Government has not attempted in any way to prevent publication. The chairman of the council has emphasized that at no time did ministers intervene.

Mr Hattersley: She is more interested in political machinations than in the contents of the report. How does she justify that during eight years in office health inequalities have so increased and the health of the lower paid and unemployed has so deteriorated that life expectancy of people has been reduced.

Mrs Thatcher: I have indicated that at *no* time *did ministers* intervene to prevent the publication of that report.

"I do not know whether he has read it in full. I have had a quick look at it. Overall health in the United Kingdom has improved steadily, life expectancy continues to rise, infant mortality has fallen by a third since 1978.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Landlord and Tenant (No 2) Bill, Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Bill, and Pilotage Bill, second readings.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Criminal Justice Bill, remaining stages.

Thursday: Motions on social security benefit orders. Motion for the Easter adjournment.

Friday: Private members' Bills: Late Payments of Debts Bill and Obscene Publications Bill, second readings.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday and Tuesday: Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, committee.

Wednesday: Debate on the National Health Service

Thursday: Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, committee, third day.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Register of Sasines (Scotland) Bill, Agricultural Training Board Bill, Aids (Control) Bill, and Crossbows Bill, remaining stages.

Lords debate

Labour plan 'threat to Nato'

The following is a report of a Lords debate on Britain's relations with the United States and the Soviet Union that was covered in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

If Mr Neil Kinnock ever put the Labour Party's defence plans to rid Britain of American nuclear weapons into effect it would tear the guts out of the defence plans of the democracies of Europe, Lord Home of the Hirsel, the former Conservative Prime Minister, said when opening the debate.

Labour's policy, he added, would be put to the British people who would put a stop to it. He hoped that then "we can return to something we ought never have to have left — the all-party consensus on foreign policy".

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, Leader of the Opposition peers, said that the Opposition wished the Prime Minister well in talks with Mr Gorbachov. The state of affairs in Moscow and Washington; the mood in Western Europe; and the more hopeful prospects of constructive disarmament gave the visit special significance.

Lord Gladwyn, for the Liberals, said that the most optimistic appraisal of the results of a third world war was that even if *it* were non-nuclear it would result in anarchy and the end of what they called Western civilization. He did not rate the possibility of that apocalypse very highly, but it existed.

If the United States withdrew into a Fortress America, short of having arrived at a credible form of of European political unity, there was every reason to believe that Western European countries would be prepared to arrive at an arrangement which left the Russians a sort of hegemony over the whole of Europe.

Lord Bramall, formerly Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of the Defence Staff, 1982-85, said that he had never been convinced by the argument that *if they totally removed* nuclear weapons they would somehow be serving the cause of peace. The risks of conventional war would become respectable and even tolerable. That would be disastrous for the country.

War must be made too dangerous for rational men to contemplate. It must be eradicated as an extension of foreign policy.

Present developments must surely make them look again most critically at the type and number of nuclear weapons really needed in order to meet the precise Nato aim of deterring attacks in all parts of the Alliance.

No one could be satisfied that 45,000 nuclear weapons were available when only 45 were needed to cause consequences too awful to be described.

The greatest danger was that if the present opportunity was not taken, the overkill would lead to escalation of the arms race. Then the public's revulsion and *impatience might* become so great that the public would start to question the whole basis of deterrence.

"Then, out with the ridiculous overkill bath water may go the really indispensible baby in the shape of a much more modest, adequate and balanced stockpile."

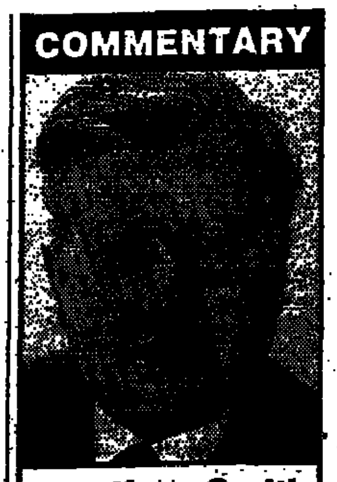
The Bishop of Manchester (The Right Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn) said that the main reason for hostility to the Reagan Administration in Latin America was that Nicaragua had given hope *to many on the* South American continent, where two thirds of people were in poverty and 40 per cent in extreme poverty. Britain should give critical support for Nicaragua and constructive criticism as from one friend to another, to the United States Administration in its policies there.

Lord Jenkins of Putney (Lab) said that his detestation of the United States Government went alongside his total admiration for the American people. It was trash to say simply that America was good and Russia bad.

Lady Young, replying to questions during the debate, said that the suggestion that the United Kingdom had arranged the supply of the Blowpipe missile to the Nicaragua contras was fantasy. There was no evidence from any reliable source that the Contras had the weapon.

"There was no meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr William Casey (former CIA director) or Colonel Oliver North."

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

"*And don't forget when you* leave why you came". Adlai Stevenson's admonition to the students of Princeton should head the briefing papers of every political leader ascending to a summit. President Reagan could have done with the reminder at Reykjavik.

Mrs Thatcher is much less likely to need it in Moscow next week. But the success of her visit may depend upon others, particularly Mr Gorbachov and the British public, appreciating why she has gone.

"To win the general election" is the cynical response, and there is no doubt that she is fully aware of the possible electoral advantages. But all the signs are that she remains extremely concerned about East-West negotiations for their own sake.

Substantive task in Moscow

Her evident uneasiness about the zero-zero option for intermediate-range missiles in Europe is not the mark of a leader thinking only of electoral effect. That would be *better served by unhesitating* enthusiasm.

There is a substantive, not merely a public relations, task for her in Moscow. But it is not to conduct arms negotiations. She has no mandate for that from other Western leaders, even though she goes with their support and approval; and Reykjavik should have provided a sufficient warning that a summit is not the place for specific bargaining.

Perhaps there will be some bilateral agreements. But the success of her visit should not be judged by detailed settlements.

What is appropriate at a summit is to establish the political framework within which the expert negotiators must seek agreement. Mrs Thatcher's principal purpose now should be to make it absolutely clear to Mr Gorbachov that the West is genuine in its desire for disarmament on reasonable terms. She will have to get it across that she is prepared for a zero-zero INF settlement if, but only if, certain conditions are fulfilled.

"Balance is about weapons in more than one sector", she said in Bonn this week. This means that an INF agreement would need to be accompanied by satisfactory arrangements on verification, chemical weapons and shorter-range missiles — not all of them necessarily at the same time, but shortly afterwards.

Ideally, there should be an agreement on *conventional* forces as part of the same package. But it would be unrealistic to expect a true balance on conventional arms to be established in Europe. That is one of the reasons why we shall continue to need nuclear weapons.

Mrs Thatcher's task in conveying her message will be complicated *by* the fact that she is known to have reservations about the principle of the zero-zero option on INF. So she should. There are dangers of setting in train a process that could weaken the American nuclear commitment to the *defence of Europe*.

But the West would get the worst of all worlds if it were to use its insistence on conditions for such an agreement as a means of blocking it. Either Western governments should acknowledge that they have had second thoughts on zero-zero — which none of them seems prepared to do — or they should negotiate positively in good faith.

Given the public position of all Western governments now, Mrs Thatcher's purpose should be to persuade Mr Gorbachov that the West is looking for agreement on the other issues, not seeking an excuse for disagreement.

Reversing earlier bargain stance

No understanding at all will be possible if the Soviet leader continues to insist on bringing the British and French deterrents into these negotiations. That is a complete reversal of the position he adopted in Reykjavik and would be a totally unacceptable condition.

But Mr Gorbachov must know that and is probably simply strengthening his bargaining position.

Despite the preliminary manoeuvring, it is in the interest of both leaders that the visit should be a success. The danger is that the rest of us *might set unrealistic* standards by which to judge it.

هكذا من الأصل

Legal aid reforms

'Value for money' board to control soaring costs

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A new legal aid board to take over the running of the £400 million a year legal aid scheme and ministerial control of lawyers' legal aid fees were among measures outlined by the Government yesterday to curb the rapidly rising costs of the legal aid bill.

The measures are contained in a White Paper aimed at ensuring the legal aid scheme is run efficiently and effectively and that it "provides the best possible value for money".

It is also aimed at ending some of its injustices: it creates a new right for someone in a civil dispute to argue that his opponent should not be granted legal aid; and will increase the amount to be paid towards costs in such disputes by the person on legal aid.

The chief proposals are:

- A new legal aid board to be set up under the Lord Chancellor to take over the running of the scheme from the Law Society, responsible for the task since the scheme was set up in 1949;
- Gradual transfer of the task of certain advice work from solicitors to advice agencies;
- Rates that determine what solicitors and barristers can charge for all legal aid work to be set by the Lord Chancellor;
- Standard or "fixed" fees to be introduced more widely for different kinds of work (instead of payment by time spent);
- Abolition of legal aid for wills and conveyancing;
- Contributions to be paid towards the cost of civil legal aid throughout the case and not just for 12 months.

But the White Paper rejects any extension of solicitors' rights of audience in the crown court, or of legal aid to tribunals.

It also rejects, but only for the time being, the main and most controversial proposal of the Treasury-led scrutiny team in its report on legal aid last June, that advice agencies should take over from solicitors the job of giving legal advice for certain kinds of work.

Better service at lower cost

The proposals provoked "considerable criticism", the White Paper says; and it was argued they were unworkable for a number of reasons, including the limited number of such agencies and the enormous extra burden of work they would have to take on.

"The Government accepts that there is force in some of these objections", the White Paper says. But it is still "attracted" to the idea where it would provide a better service at lower cost and where the advice workers would have greater expertise than many solicitors in private practice.

The new legal aid board will therefore "as an early task" look at more cost-effective ways of doing that. Once it has set up suitable arrangements for contracting with agencies for advice to be given in specified areas — such as on welfare benefits — those will be excluded from the legal aid advice scheme.

The board is being created because the present administrative structure is no longer appropriate, it says. But the Government praises the work of the Law Society in promoting the scheme's success.

It is also diffuse, with several other bodies — courts and government departments — having varying responsibilities. "Such a profusion of responsibilities must detract from efficiency."

But the Government intends the new board to have far wider powers than the Law Society has over legal aid.

It will in future take over such tasks as assessing the means of a legal aid applicant; decisions on granting criminal legal aid (now done by the courts) and some of the job of determining bills.

On the granting of legal aid, a key proposal is to give an individual in a dispute a right to argue against his opponent being granted legal aid.

At present only the person applying for legal aid has any part in the whole process, yet the grant of legal aid "may have a major impact on his opponent".

But clear time-limits for representations are to be set to avoid delays being created by that right.

The Government has rejected the widely attacked scrutiny team proposal for a £10 flat rate charge, instead of contributions, to all on criminal legal aid except the poorest.

Instead it intends to change the way contributions are paid for civil legal aid, so that they continue throughout a case.

The Government intends to assume greater control over lawyers' legal aid fees. At the core of the far-reaching measures is its intention to end any link with rates of pay for private work.

The Government already sets the rates for criminal legal aid and is bringing in set rates for family work.

In future it will set rates for all legal aid work, civil and criminal.

At the same time it wants to extend "fixed" fees to more categories of work. At present lawyers are paid by the time spent. Fixed fees already apply to barristers' criminal work in the crown court and the Government wants to extend them to solicitors.

The taxing, or determining, of lawyers' bills could then be done by county court staff rather than registrars.

Tribunal work to be simplified

It also wants to abolish the much-criticized automatic deduction of 10 per cent on all High Court lawyers' bills.

Legal aid for wills and conveyancing is to be abolished, but the Government has rejected the scrutiny team proposal to extend legal aid to tribunals. Instead, it wants tribunal procedure simplified so lawyers are not needed.

It also accepts that legal aid work should be done only by expert panels of solicitors; that there should be a review of whether legal aid should continue when costs reach a certain level; and that there should be more use of one counsel rather than two.

Legal Aid in England and Wales: A New Framework (Command 118, Stationery Office; £3.30).

A leisurely horse-drawn ride for Miss Creisha Collins and Mr Joe Bowen through the streets of Blists Hill is in keeping at the Ironbridge *Gorge Museum in Telford*, Shropshire, which today receives the Automobile Association's Best Museum Award.

Judges who considered 1,000 entries nationwide were impressed most by the Blists Hill Working Museum, which is part of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum's six square mile site celebrating the birth of the industrial revolution.

A village has been recreated with shops, working models and even museum staff in period costume, which "skilfully animates the age of the industrial revolution".

The museum is open throughout the week from March to October and admission costs £3.95 for adults and £2.50 for children, pensioners and students.

A feature on the museum's skill at bringing the past to life is in the *Stately Homes, Museums, Castles and Gardens in Britain Guide 1987*, published by the AA, price £5.95 (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Vision of privately run rail network

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

British Rail should be privatized initially by allowing independent operators to run services on BR tracks, according to a pamphlet published today.

The pamphlet is written by Mr Kenneth Irvine, a former BR employee, and is published by the Adam Smith Institute.

It points out that important BR operations such as its hotels and cross-Channel ferries have already been sold, and suggests that other subsidiaries such as British Rail Engineering, Freightliners and Travellers' Fare, the station catering operation, are candidates for early privatization.

To bring competition into running railways, and move towards privatization, Mr Irvine says BR should set up an organization which would own the track, land and stations.

He says the best chance of establishing a competitive network lies with allowing private companies to use BR tracks, stations and other infrastructure.

Initially the new companies would rely on existing BR crews to drive trains. They would pay a commercial fee which would ease the burden of infrastructure costs on BR's existing operating sectors such as Inter-City, provincial, freight and parcels.

Those would then be sold off as separate units.

A heavily loss-making sector such as provincial services would be broken into separate centres, with tenders for operating the services.

The franchise would probably be awarded to the bidder who required the lowest subsidy for operating routes which were loss-making but necessary.

That would pave the way for the privatization of the infrastructure, probably by public flotation.

The pamphlet suggests that the moves would gradually bring greater reliability, regularity and comfort.

It says that investment in the railways could be stimulated by declaring the network an enterprise zone, in which the privatized and new rail companies would receive tax benefits.

The Right Lines (Adam Smith Institute; £8).

BBC viewers are given choice of nine operas

By Jonathan Miller

The BBC yesterday announced an increased commitment to televised opera that will bring viewers nine productions this year, and a new arrangement with the English National Opera to record at least four productions during the next four years.

The collaboration between the BBC and ENO is the first for 10 years. The first presentations from the BBC/ENO link will be broadcast next month in three *Opera Workshops* with scenes from *Don Giovanni, Don Carlos* and *Jenufa*.

The first full-scale production will be Shostakovich's *Lady Macbeth of Mtensk*.

The schedule includes an all-film version of Bartok's *Bluebeard's Castle*, starring Robert Lloyd and Elizabeth Laurence; a Ravel double bill from Glyndebourne — *L'Heure Espagnole* and *L'Enfant et les Sortilèges* — conducted by Simon Rattle; Nigel Osborne's new opera, *The Electrification of the Soviet Union*, a BBC/Glyndebourne commission; and from the Royal Opera House, Mozart's *Seraglio, conducted by Solti*.

BBC-2 will launch a Verdi season, including *Nabucco* from La Scala, Milan, conducted by *Riccardo Muti*; *Masked Ball* from Vienna, starring Luciano Pavarotti and conducted by Claudio Abbado; and *Otello* from the Welsh National Opera.

- The world premiere of a ballet scored from the music of John Lennon, the former Beatle, exploring his life and times, is to be part of a series including three London premieres to be presented by LFB, the smaller company of the London Festival ballet, at Sadler's Wells Theatre from April 21-25.

The first part with the London premiere of *Nocturne*, will be followed by Roland Petit's *Carmen*, performed to Bizet's score, and concludes with Alvin Ailey's jazz ballet, *Night Creature*.

The Lennon ballet, *The Dream is Over*, is to receive its world premiere on April 24.

SIEMENS

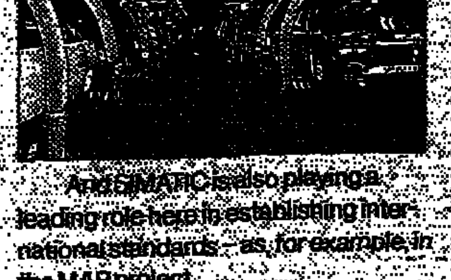
Custom-built straight from the factory. With SIMATIC.

Manual or automatic sun-roof, central locking, alloy wheels; on any range of cars the list of options goes on and on. Which means, when you're building them, that your production line must be both flexible and efficient.

Flexible production requires fast retooling, but this in turn requires the use of integrated automation systems.

SIMATIC® programmable controllers (PLCs) are in operation in modern car plants, controlling both machine tools and conveyor equipment.

Data terminals provide a clear and constant update for the manufacturing process, inter-relating with computers and other automation systems in a co-ordinated data network all to ensure production of the right vehicle, to the right specification, at the right time.



And SIMATIC is also playing a leading role here in establishing international standards – as, for example, in the MAP project.

SIMATIC is currently in use in more than 100 industries, providing elegantly functional solutions to production automation problems – whatever the application and degree of automation required.

So whatever your production problem, big or small, from car making to soft drinks manufacturing, turn to SIMATIC and you'll find the solution waiting.

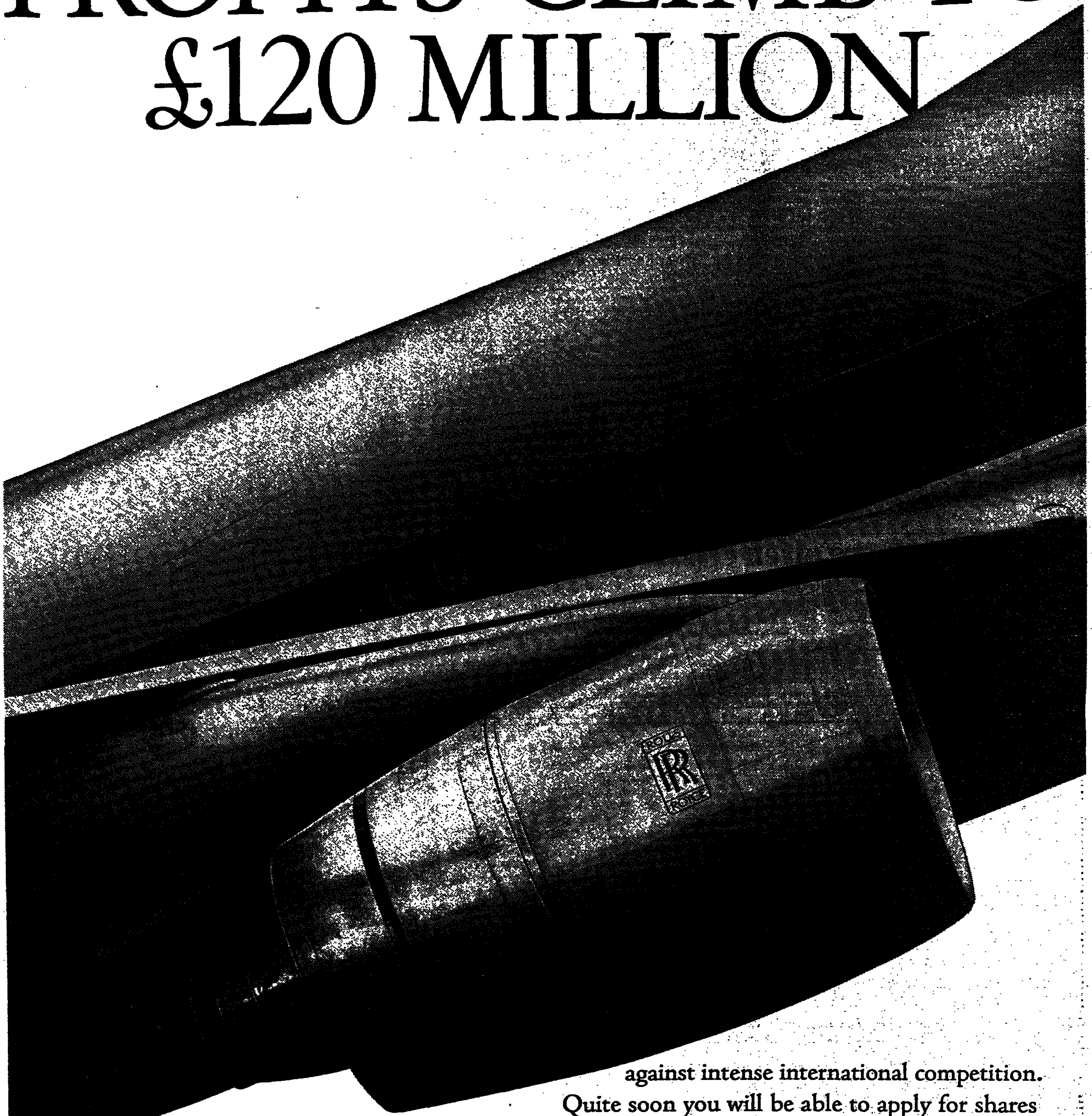
For further details contact
Siemens Limited
Siemens House, Eaton Bank
Congleton, Cheshire CW12 1PH
Tel 0260 28 3505 (DD)
Tx 8951091
CONPA

progress in automation Siemens

SLE81/0387/M2

هكذا من الإصل

PROFITS CLIMB TO £120 MILLION



Rolls-Royce pre-tax profits for 1986 climbed to a record £120 million, based on sales of £1.8 billion.

Another year of profit growth, following profits in 1985 of £81 million and £26 million in 1984.

This strong performance is based on all the main sectors of the engine market – civil, military, marine and industrial – a sound, broadly-based business.

Currently our order book is worth over £3 billion, including the British Airways order to power their new fleet of Boeing 747s, won against intense international competition. Quite soon you will be able to apply for shares in Rolls-Royce.

If you would like more information, call 01-200 3000 or send the coupon.

You will then receive a Rolls-Royce brochure and a prospectus when it is issued.

Please send me further information on Rolls-Royce, and a Prospectus when available.

Name____________________ BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE
Address____________________
Town____________________
County__________ Postcode__________

When complete, send to: The Rolls-Royce Share Information Office, PO Box 163, Liverpool L69 1RR. Or telephone 01-200 3000.

ROLLS
RR
ROYCE

A SHARE IN BRITISH EXCELLENCE.

T2

ISSUED BY SAMUEL MONTAGU & CO. LIMITED ON BEHALF OF HM GOVERNMENT AND BY NM ROTHSCHILD & SONS LIMITED ON BEHALF OF ROLLS-ROYCE plc.

هكذا من الإصل

WORLD SUMMARY

Former Reagan aide denies lying

Washington – Mr Michael Deaver, a long-time friend of President Reagan, pleaded not guilty yesterday to criminal charges that he lied under oath about his Washington lobbying activities (Christopher Thomas writes).

He entered his plea during a five-minute appearance before a US district judge in Washington. He faces a maximum sentence of 25 years' imprisonment if convicted. A jury trial was set for June 8.

The charges state that he violated conflict-of-interest laws by using his ties to the White House to promote his lobbying business. He resigned as deputy Chief of Staff in May 1985 to open his multi-million dollar business, which attracted several foreign governments and a number of leading American corporations as clients, most of whom have left him because of publicity surrounding the allegations.

Threat to Smith

Harare – A motion to suspend Mr Ian Smith, aged 67, the former Prime Minister of Rhodesia, will be debated by Parliament next week (Jan Raath writes).

Dr Nathan Shamuyarira, the Minister of Information and a leading member of the ruling Zanu (PF) Politburo, will ask the House of Assembly to suspend Mr Smith for supporting apartheid and opposing sanctions against South Africa.

It could herald the end of his 39-year parliamentary career if, in the meantime, plans go ahead to abolish the 20 white Assembly seats.

Gunmen 'executed'

Beirut – Syrian soldiers carrying out Damascus's iron hand policy in Lebanon yesterday shot dead three would-be attackers in a west Beirut street (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

Beirut's state radio quoted an unidentified Syrian officer as saying that the gunmen were "executed" on the spot.

The shooting followed at least six small explosions in the Moslem sector of the capital. Witnesses said the three men were armed with automatic rifles and a rocket-propelled grenade launcher, and were about to open fire on a Syrian Army checkpoint in the seafront Manara district.

Gipsy dancer faces jail

Madrid – Lola Flores, Spain's best-known Gipsy dancer (right, photographed in her heyday), faces four years in prison and a fine of up to 300 million pesetas (£1.5million) for allegedly failing to pay income tax for four years (Harry Debelius writes).

The flamboyant queen of Spanish musical folklore, who dances vigorously although she is approaching 60, has found a surprising number of supporters, including some newspaper columnists, as she awaits trial.

Carter in Israel

Jerusalem – The former US president, Mr Jimmy Carter, arrived in Israel yesterday on the last leg of a private five-nation tour of the Middle East that has already included Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Algeria (David Bernstein writes).

His arrival coincided with the eighth anniversary of the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty in Washington on March 26, 1979 – an event he was instrumental in bringing about and which marked the high point of American foreign policy under his presidency.

Refugee diplomat

Tokyo – The Ethiopian ambassador to Japan is seeking political asylum in a third country, believed to be the United States (David Watts writes).

Mr Abebe Kebede has not been to his embassy for two weeks and telephoned a few days ago to say that he would not be coming in to work any more, according to a member of the embassy staff.

"We don't know if he's defected," an embassy counsellor said.

The American embassy would not confirm that he has sought asylum.

Uganda killing charge

Kampala (Reuter) – A businessman and three former guerrillas of the Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM) were remanded until April 9 yesterday, charged with the murder of the UFM leader, Mr Andrew Kayiira. John Katabazi, Robert Magezi, Sylvester Wadda and Peter Kiwanuka also faced charges of armed robbery against a journalist at whose Kampala house Mr Kayiira was shot dead.

Mr Kayiira was Energy Minister in the Government of President Museveni until his arrest last October in connection with an alleged plot to overthrow the Government. He was killed 10 days after the state dropped the charges and released him.

UK research veto accused of jeopardizing EEC's future

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Britain was accused yesterday of "vetoing the future of the rest of the EEC" by opposing proposed European research spending. M Michel Poniatowski, a French Euro-MP and chairman of the European Parliament's Research and Technology Committee, said Britain was "walking backwards".

"Research and development is our future," M Poniatowski, a former French Cabinet minister, said. "Britain has the right to veto its own technological development, but not to block the evolution of other member states as well."

M Poniatowski announced a new European Parliament initiative designed to help determine which research projects are the most vital for European technology as the EEC's research funds begin to run out. A new committee known as Stoa (Scientific and Technological Options Assessment) will initially focus on nuclear fusion research, the deregulation of telecommunications and trans-frontier chemical pollution control.

At a meeting of EEC research ministers here this week Britain, and to a lesser extent West Germany, opposed a compromise put forward by the Belgians, who hold the presidency of the Council of Ministers. The compromise figure of nearly £5 billion over five years is still less than either the Commission or the European Parliament wants.

MEPs and officials acknowledge that national ministers are under pressure to keep EEC budgetary costs down, but say research is the one area which must not suffer if the EEC is to compete effectively with America and Japan in the 1990s.

M Poniatowski described Britain's insistence on a research budget of only £3 billion as incomprehensible and unacceptable.

It was untrue that EEC research projects such as Esprit, which co-ordinates the EEC's information technology effort, were wasteful. They were carefully targeted, and British companies were among the chief beneficiaries of Esprit, because they were among its main contributors.

Euro-MPs said that if the research spending crisis was not resolved, possibly at the next EEC summit in June, Esprit would come to a halt in the summer, with heavy job losses among the 3,000 research workers involved. Research into telecommunications, biotechnology and health issues such as cancer and Aids was already at a standstill.

M Poniatowski said biotechnology would be as important to the European economy in the next 20 years as information technology had been in the past 20.

France, which originally aligned itself with Britain and Germany, this week accepted the Belgian compromise of £4 billion plus nearly £1 billion still unallocated from the present programme, which expires this year.

West Germany may well join the EEC majority next week when the Commission, which normally meets in Brussels, holds a session in Bonn. This would leave Britain completely isolated.

Mr Guy Verhofstadt, the Belgian Research Minister, told MEPs that Bonn and London had been given until the end of next week to change their minds.

Proposed EEC research budget 1987 to 1991, accepted by 10 states but not Britain or West Germany, (in billions of pounds).

Health, environment, quality of life	0.273
Information technology and telecommunications	1.860
Science and technology in industrial modernization	0.616
Biotechnology and agricultural technology	0.204
Energy, the nuclear industry and nuclear safety	0.856
Development aid technology	0.058
Marine and fishing technology	0.058
Other costs (statistics, project evaluation etc)	0.210
Total	**3.935**

(Source: EEC Council of Ministers)

Paris police hold Arab terror group suspects linked to Islamic Jihad

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

French police have arrested eight suspected Arab terrorists who "were preparing to commit particularly dangerous terrorists acts in France," according to the Interior Ministry.

The eight suspects – six of whom hold Tunisian passports and two French but are respectively of Lebanese and Algerian origin – were interrogated throughout yesterday accused of illegal possession of explosives and arms.

At the time of their arrest in Paris last weekend, police seized a quantity of arms and highly dangerous liquid methyl nitrate explosives hidden in 12 bottles labelled as arak.

The group is believed to be linked to the bombings in Paris last year and to the hostage-takers behind it in Lebanon.

M Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, declared yesterday that "certain foreign countries, through taking hostages and terrorist attacks, are trying to influence French foreign policy." He added that it should be clear to anyone that France would not give in to blackmail.

Choosing his words carefully in view of the fact that French hostages are being held in Lebanon, he said that he hoped that the Iran-Iraq conflict would end soon and that France was helping Iran to reintegrate into the international community. However, "we will not allow activities on our soil which could threaten the independence and security of our country. I hope I have been understood," he added.

The minister was careful not to implicate Iran directly in connection with the alleged terrorists' arrests, but the Tunisian Embassy in Paris yesterday stated that the six holding Tunisian passports were known to them as belonging to the Islamic Jihad. They had taken refuge in France, the Ambassador said, but their passports were out of date as from the beginning of January and they therefore could not have left France since then.

The Interior Ministry named the group's leader as Ali Fouad Saleh. His wife, Karima Ferahi, who is of Algerian origin but born in Paris, was arrested with him. She wore a *chador* throughout her interrogation.

Another member of the alleged terror group, Muhammad Mouhajer, born in Lebanon but a French citizen by marriage, is a philisophy student at the Sorbonne.

The liquid explosives found last weeekend are the same as those found in West Germany after the arrest of the alleged terroristMuhammad Ali Hamadei and of his brother at Frankfurt airport in January. The explosives were hidden in wine bottles.

The arrest of this alleged terrorist group is seen as proof that the police have now infiltrated both foreign and domestic terrorist organizations in France. Last month, they arrested four leading members of Action Directe.

● **TUNIS:** Tunisia broke off diplomatic relations with Iran yesterday, claiming that the Tehran Government was using its embassy here as a base for disrupting public order and was also recruiting Tunisian extremists abroad for subversive actions (AP reports).

The decision to sever relations was made during a meeting attended by President Habib Bourguiba and top members of the Cabinet.

Mr Rachid Sfar, the Prime Minister, said the meeting was devoted to studying "the implications and breadth of the suspect activities at the Iranian Embassy in Tunis. It was decided to take appropriate measures to put an end to the consequences of these activities."

In recent days, a number of terrorist suspects carrying Tunisian passports were arrested in Djibouti following last week's bombing of a cafe there which killed 11 people and injured 40.

A statement by the Tunisian Foreign Ministry said that for some time the Iranian Embassy had been carrying out activities that did not conform with its diplomatic mission.

A weeping mother comforts her son after he was released with nearly 950 schoolchildren held hostage in El Salvador by two armed teenagers claiming to be left-wing guerrillas. The two surrendered after a seige lasting more than six hours, during which they threatened to kill the children.

A communiqué from the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, the Salvadorean guerrilla organization, denied any connection with the takeover of the school (AP reports from San Salvador). The 947 children and 27 teachers were released unharmed in groups, and the drama ended when General Adolfo Blandón, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, persuaded the pair to give up.

Kinnock call for new world trade deal

From Philip Webster
New York

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday called for a new international agreement to foster world trade, aimed at reducing the burden of international debt and gradually reducing the American trade deficit.

Addressing the American European Community Association here, Mr Kinnock was backing President Reagan in his resistance to growing protectionist pressures from Congress and leading industrial figures.

He said that inward-looking protectionism could easily create a national mood of isolationism. Calling for a return to the spirit of the Bretton Woods agreement, Mr Kinnock said that an international system to promote expansion and employment would require a mechanism to enable countries in persistent deficit to balance their budgets without deflation. The new agreement would furnish an answer to competitive deflation and protectionism.

He said that stability and expansion could not coexist without an agreed mechanism for adjusting trade balances. He suggested it should establish the maximum level of deficit each country could reasonably be expected to finance without creating a crisis.

Mr Kinnock said the most important factor in the decline of the West's economic performance had been the breakdown of the system by which international trade and finance were managed from the end of the Second World War.

Agreement to a system of managed trade was needed to end trade slow-down, exchange turmoil, increasing debt and creeping protectionism.

The burden of international debt leading to the impoverishment of already poor countries threatened the financial system of the West and would be greatly alleviated if the West grew more rapidly.

The American trade deficit, currently maintaining demand around the world to the extent that its sudden removal would lead to world recession, could be systematically wound down if other countries had a clear incentive to expand.

Mr Kinnock urged a return to the co-operative spirit, "that by 1944 had been taught to politicians, businessmen and women and economists by the scarring experience of prolonged slump and devastating war".

What was required was a commitment to expansion and employment built on the understanding that contraction was contagious and unemployment prodigiously wasteful of the human spirit, talent and economic resources.

Swedish drugs case

Life Guard expected to appeal against remand

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Captain Simon Hayward, of the Life Guards, is expected to appeal today against his remand in custody on suspicion of smuggling £500,000 worth of cannabis into Sweden. If freed he could then file a claim for damages against the state.

His lawyer, Mr Tom Placht, told *The Times* there was even a possibility that the public prosecutor's office would force the police to free Captain Hayward if no firm evidence could be produced against him.

Mr Placht had explained the Swedish remand system, which contains no provision for bail, to his client. "It is not a good system. Captain Hayward understands it now but naturally enough he was confused at first. If he is freed he will be able to claim damages from the Swedish state, although these are very small by international standards."

Captain Hayward, aged 31, is one of 12 people, most of them Swedes, remanded on charges of smuggling cannabis.He was arrested this month driving what he described as his brother Christopher's green British-registered Jaguar car in which police later said they found a hidden cache of 50 kilograms (110 lbs) of cannabis.

Yesterday Detective-Inspector Jan-Erik Nilsson, head of the drug squad in the ancient university city of Uppsala, 50 miles from Vasteras, where the accused are held, said he was attempting to establish a connection between Captain Hayward and the others and to trace his brother.

Christopher Hayward had moved suddenly to an undisclosed destination in France from the Spanish island of Ibiza, where he previously earned a living taking tourists on boat trips.

Others arrested include Mr Cay Forbes Mitchell, aged 36, of Aberdeen, three women, a Chilean immigrant and a former Swedish social secretary.

Mr Nilsson said the cannabis found in the Jaguar had been sealed by machine into small plastic bags. It came from Morocco and had probably been smuggled into Ibiza by boat. "It was a very professional operation," he said.

President Garcia of Peru singing local folk songs with a band on the patio of City Hall in Mexico City during a three-day visit to Mexico. He said yesterday that Peru and Mexico were not the Third World. "We are the new world," he told an audience in a city park.

Cold War caricatures face the axe

From Charles Bremner, New York

Russian and American film-makers may be going in for a little more reality and a little less Rambo-like caricature of each other after an unprecedented get-together between leading film-makers and actors in Los Angeles this week.

In a startling symptom of Mr Gorbachov's cultural thaw, the Soviet Union sent Mr Elem Klimov, its leading film director, and eight actors, writers and directors to take part in an "entertainment summit" with a Hollywood team that included Sydney Pollack, the director.

Their task was to examine the ways the superpowers portrayed each other and to suggest ways of getting away from the often evil stereotypes they watched in excerpts.

These included the vicious killing-machine style of Russians portrayed in films such as *Rambo*, *Red Dawn*, and *Rocky IV*, and the less violent, but equally malevolent, caricatures of Americans as CIA conspirators or warmongering generals, businessmen and politicians.

Mr Klimov, whose election last year to head the Union of Cinematographers was a blow to Russia's cultural bureaucracy, acknowledged that some Soviet films depicted typical Americans as either "instigators of war or half-crazy Vietnam veterans".

"The artful images we produce can be far more powerful than any diplomatic exchange. We must impose the responsibility upon ourselves not to stoop to a tit-for-tat battle of negative imagery," he said.

He said he thought the film *Gorky Park*, a US-produced thriller set in Moscow but filmed in Helsinki, was "exceedingly well done, but as far as corresponding with reality, it's lacking".

Mr Victor Dyomin, a Soviet film critic, said that on his return to Moscow he would tell the director of *Solo Voyage*, a Soviet equivalent to *Rambo*, that the US audience had laughed at his characterization of one American. Lyudmila Chursina, a Soviet film actress, suggested that Soviet actors could play Russians in US films and Americans play Americans in Soviet films as a way of getting away from Cold War caricature.

Robbers' chic stuns a fashion house and entertains Milan

From Roger Boyes
Milan

In Milan everything (lunch, love, negotiations, theft, especially theft) happens at a trot, a snappy ostrich pace. Krizia, Italy's best known and much-envied fashion designer, was robbed of her entire autumn-winter collection – 1,500 peieces dumped into a lorry – in 11 minutes flat; surprisingly fast, even by Milanese standards.

Krizia and a suave detective from the industrial crime squad, Inspector Tullio Mastrangelo, are convinced that there must be a spy at work, employed by a group of fashion pirates based in Taiwan or Hong Kong.

"What do I feel?" says Krizia, whose real name is Mariuccia Mandelli. "Well, I feel robbed, but that it is better to lose one model than one's health. First, I'm sad that there is a secret agent in my large family, in the 300 people that I employ. Second, we have lost six months' work on the models, each of which are like small sculptures."

The agent-in-place thesis is probably correct. Krizia's fashion house in the Via Manin is in a huge, sprawling neo-classical palace, close to the centre of the rag trade. In the day the area is full of shouting and bustle; at night, and more precisely at 4.40 on Wednesday morning, it is as lively as Sverdlovsk on a wet Sunday.

The thieves managed to drive their lorry into the courtyard, clamber on to the roof, break into the large sitting room which is used for private views, gain access to the main hall and collect more than 1,000 dresses, fur coats, designer jeans and children's clothes and get them away in 11 minutes. That is the time they had before the video cameras would automatically alert a private security company. Not very likely unless there was inside assistance.

There is big money at stake, though perhaps not quite as big as Krizia is telling reporters (she is of course insured). According to her estimates the eight autumn-winter collections were were worth about 80 billion lire (about £400 million).

The point, though, is not the retail value, but the ability to produce quick and cheap copies of the models, which were first shown last month in Milan. A Krizia dress retails at about 3 million lira (about £1,500), but a good copy goes for 500,000 lira.

Some fashion pirates evidently saw Krizia's show in Milan, liked it, arranged the heist and intend to run up a sub-Krizia collection in the Far East. Customers are usually found in South America and the more fashion-conscious parts of the Middle East.

Inspector Mastrangelo says that this is only the latest example of fashion piracy. Cartier watches, Gucci bags and Vuitton luggage have all been targets of the fashion underworld. Factories producing imitations of the latest Vuitton designs were discovered in South-East Asia and the inspector has found a factory in Lebanon making imitation Jesus jeans.

Krizia is philosophical and rather charming about the whole affair. Now in her 50s, she started as a teacher. She opened a small shop to sell her designs, and only after marrying an Anglo Egyptian with textile interests in Egypt did she tentatively launched herself on to the big-time fashion scene.

She said all deliveries will still be made on time – everything that was stolen was in the Italian size 42 (a thin woman). "The place is like a film set," she said proudly yesterday. "Fingerprint men and interrogators are everywhere."

There is panic, and even a degree of envy, among her Milanese competition. Designers like Laura Eiagiobiagiotti, Armani and Ferre fear robbery. "One might say cynically," said an Italian fashion writer yesterday, "that the ideal scenario would be a failed break-in: there is no greater compliment than robbery, but one would like to avoid the mess".

Ferre, who doubles his security at the time of the Milan shows, now thinks he will keep it in place – alsatian dogs, electronic eyes, the lot. This is robbery chic, and Milan, in its own breathless way, is rather enjoying it.

Turks send survey ship to confront Greece

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

Turkey and Greece drew a step closer to renewed confrontation in the disputed Aegean Sea yesterday, after Ankara moved to protect its "economic and political interests and rights".

Mr Hasan Celal Guzel, the government spokesman, told a news conference that licences had been issued for the state-owned Turkish Petroleum Corporation (TPAO) to start prospecting on the Aegean seabed outside territorial waters to counter a similar Greek move.

He said a survey vessel had been ordered to sail to areas off the Greek islands of Samothraki and Lesbos and would not return "before our economic nterests are fulfilled", indicating that possible Greek harassment would prompt a strong response.

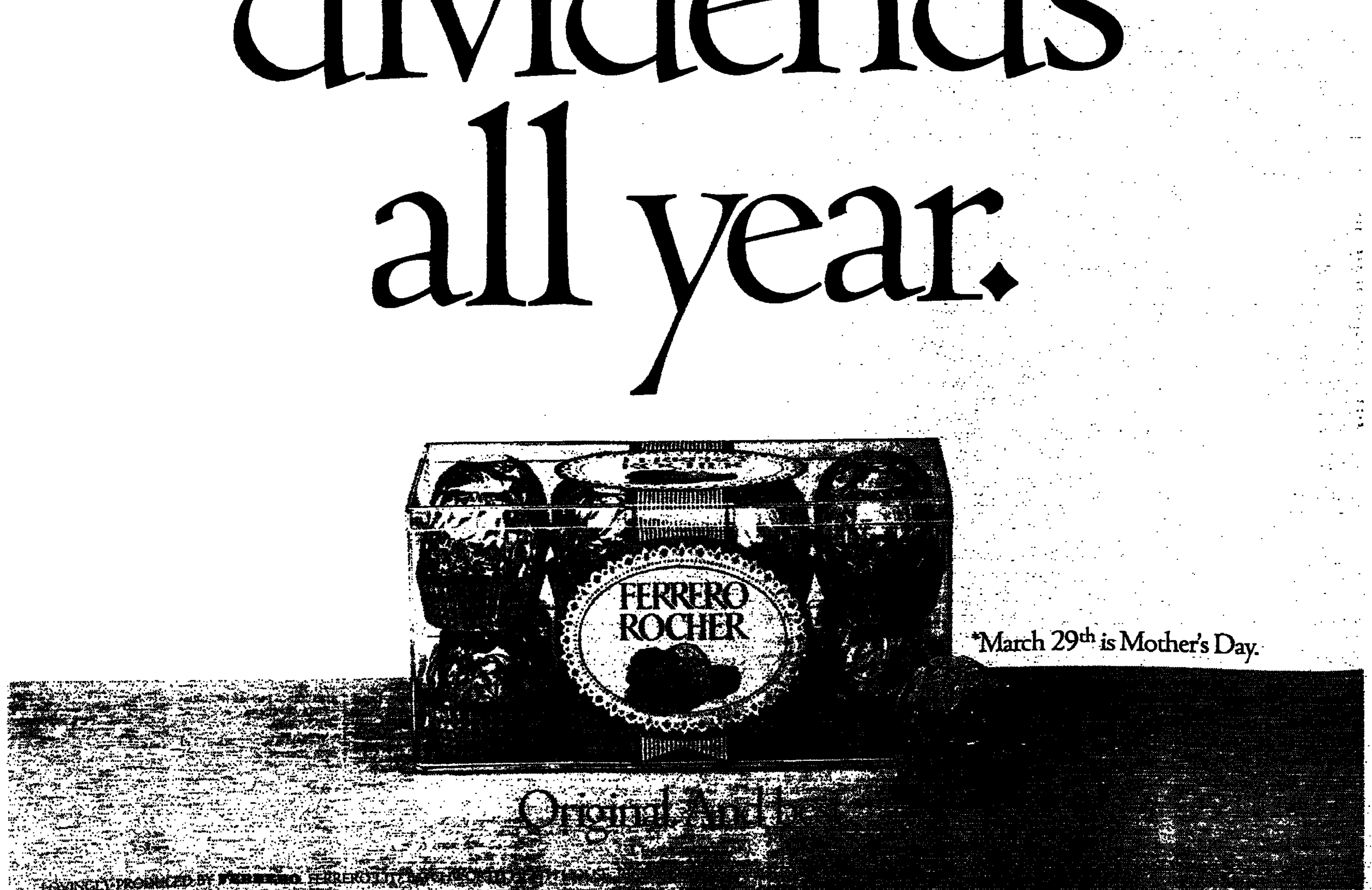
Mr Guzel noted that the decisions, taken in an emergency Cabinet session on Wednesday evening, was in line with a call for the "implementation of all actual or projected measures for the protection of our rights and interests and to foil possible Greek *faits accomplis*", by the National Security Council, which includes senior state, government and military officials.

The Turkish naval command also said that warships were ready to respond to "any Greek surprise". While they were exercising close by, Air Force bases were reportedly put on alert in western Turkey.

● **ATHENS:** Greece invited Turkey yesterday to apply jointly to the International Court at The Hague for a settlement of their conflicting claims on the Aegean, but it warned that if Turkey carried out oil prospecting in seabed areas claimed by Greece, action would be taken (Mario Modiano writes).

هكذا من الأصل

A little investment on March 29th* will pay dividends all year.



*March 29th is Mother's Day.

LOVINGLY PRODUCED BY FERRERO. FERRERO LTD, [illegible]

هكذا من الأصل

9

Macao agreement initialled in Peking

Portuguese citizens get better deal

From David Bonavia, Macao

The Portuguese Government has guaranteed better terms for its nationals in Macao than Britain has done for its citizens of Chinese race in Hong Kong.

Whereas only a small minority of British subjects in Hong Kong can acquire the right of abode in the United Kingdom, up to 100,000 people from Macao may claim it in Portugal.

The Sino-Portuguese agreement on the future of the four-centuries-old enclave, initialled yesterday in Peking, is based on the 1984 Anglo-Chinese agreement over Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, with a population of nearly six million, may resettle a few tens of thousands of its citizens in Britain before the reversion of sovereignty to China in 1997. By contrast, Portugal may admit many more Chinese and Eurasian citizens if they wish to go there before the year 1999 when sovereignty over Macao is passed in to the People's Republic of China.

Most people in Macao have greeted the new agreement with equanimity and generally politicans and public figures have expressed approval of it, though some doubts remain over matters of citizenship.

As expected, the agreement was based mainly on the one relating to Hong Kong, which meant that it was much easier to negotiate.

Like Hong Kong, Macao is being granted a 50-year grace period to continue to operate a free capitalist economy and regulate its internal affairs in accordance with the laws of the former colonial power. What happens in the year 2050 is impossible to predict.

The reversion of Macao to China will be an important landmark in the annals of Chinese-European relations. The Portuguese obtained the four-square-mile territory by agreement with the Chinese Imperial Government during the 16th century when the Ming dynasty was in power.

The tiny territory's amicable relationship with China over the centuries has been matched by its friendly attitude towards the British, who came to South China a century later to trade but eventually dealt in huge quantities of opium.

The trade at Hong Kong soon overshadowed that of Macao but the Portuguese and Eurasians who live in Hong Kong are a respected minority with important positions in commerce and banking.

During the Second World War the Portuguese aided British prisoners-of-war who managed to escape from interned in Hong Kong by the Japanese.

Macao people on the whole seem philosophical about the future. Many of those with Portuguese nationality or the right to apply for it — who could be numbered in the tens of thousands — will leave for Portugal and some may go on to Brazil.

The entry of Portugal into the Common Market has meant a still closer relationship between the two oldest colonial powers on the China coast and some may come to Britain by courtesy of European Community immigration freedoms.

With a population of about 400,000, 99 per cent of whom are Chinese, Macao has long been a haven for refugees and people seeking a better standard of living than they can attain in South China. Wages are low but so are living costs, though many immigrants from China are on the lookout for ways to slip into Hong Kong with its more dynamic industry and commerce.

China earns much foreign exchange from Macao as well as from Hong Kong and the main difficulties may be the adaptation of the arcane Portuguese legal system and the reduction of vice-rings and triad gangs.

The gambling industry may well be tolerated as horse racing probably will be in Hong Kong after the British territory reverts to Chinese sovereignty in 10 years.

It is very hard to predict the nature of the Peking leadership in the 1990s but it is plausible to believe it will not permit vice and gangsterism in either Hong Kong or Macao to the same extent.

Senhor Rui Medina, the Portuguese Ambassador to the United Nations, left, and Mr Zhou Nan, the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, embrace after initialling the Macao agreement.

Enclave to join 'motherland'

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Mr Zhou Nan, the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, and Senhor Rui Medina, the Portuguese Ambassador to the UN, initialled the Sino-Portuguese joint declaration on Macao yesterday in the Great Hall of the People here.

Mr Zhou described the *document as "the resolution of* a long-standing question left over by history".

The settlement "marks yet another important step of the Chinese people *in striving for* the realization of the grand goal of the reunification of the motherland in this century," Mr Zhou said at the initialling ceremony.

Under the terms of the *declaration, Macao will* become a special administrative region of China after December 20, 1999 — two years after Hong Kong becomes a Chinese *special region*

Like Hong Kong, Macao will be free to pursue its "current social and economic systems" as well as its "*current lifestyle*" for 50 years.

The former Portuguese colony of 450,000 is promised a *high degree of autonomy*, except in foreign policy and defence matters, and during the first 50 years "will be vested with executive, *legislative and independent* judicial power, including that of final adjudication".

A chief executive for Macao will be appointed by Peking on *the basis* "of elections or consultations to be held in Macao", and a Sino-Portuguese Joint Liaison Group will be set up to help formulate a *basic law for the region*.

Residents who were born in Macao or were living there *before or after* the establishment of the special region for seven continuous years, will have the right to live in Macao and obtain permanent identity cards.

A joint land group will regulate leases and the collection of fees until 2049.

The region will be allowed to use its own currency, the pataca, as legal tender, and have independent finances. Peking will not levy taxes until after 2049. In addition, the *region will be able to maintain* independent economic relations as "Macao, China".

Chad forces on verge of victory as Libyans flee

By Nicholas Beeston

French-backed Chadian government forces are on the brink of an historic victory over Colonel Gadaffi, amid persistent reports that his forces are fleeing their last remaining desert stronghold at Faya Largeau in northern Chad.

Diplomatic sources in Washington and Paris said yesterday that they believed hundreds of Libyans had abandoned the strategic oasis fortress and were retreating to Libya in armoured columns.

Intelligence reports said that the Libyans, who were completely surrounded by Chadian government troops after a defeat earlier this week, were demolishing their fortress and blowing up ammunition dumps and fuel stores.

"If they wait around they will be annihilated by the Chadians, so they are pulling out as fast as they can," said one diplomat in Paris. "Most of them should make it back to Libya."

However, a blinding sandstorm which has swept across the country could hamper the Libyan retreat. The beleaguered troops will have to cover at least 300 miles before reaching the safety of Libyan lines in the border region of the Tibesti mountains.

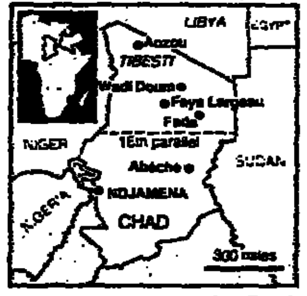
Yesterday, the US State Department was debating "at the highest level" whether to award President Hissène Habré of Chad an emergency military aid package worth more than £6 million to help his troops hold on to their conquests.

President Reagan granted Chad £10 million in December, but, according to US officials, "most of that equipment has already arrived and been used up".

President Habré's forces have defied critics since the beginning of the year by scoring a series of victories against Colonel Gadaffi in sudden desert attacks which have overcome often superior Libyan forces.

Two Libyan bases at Fada and Wadi Doum have fallen in the past three months, and it is only a matter of days before Chadian troops will be in control of Faya Largeau.

French and American officials could hardly contain their pleasure yesterday that the protracted war in Chad, which has lasted 20 years, may be on the verge of a military breakthrough.



Although President Habré has succeeded in reconquering most of his country, Libyan forces are still present in the northernmost region.

Washington has regarded the war in Chad as Colonel Gadaffi's Achilles heel, and experts predicted that the resounding defeat of his forces could cause internal opposition to his rule

"The defeat in Chad has been far more damaging to Gadaffi than the US air attack in Tripoli," said one expert on the region, who cited poor morale among the Libyan ranks as an important factor contributing to Libyan defeats.

Earlier this month a senior Libyan officer and four soldiers defected to Egypt in a military plane rather than fly to Chad. Libyan forces, which include a motley collection of irregulars known as the Islamic Legion, have suffered a 35 per cent casualty rate this year, with hundreds killed, wounded and captured.

Although Colonel Gadaffi is adamant that Libya must retain a military presence in Chad, it is thought unlikely that he will be able to muster his demoralized forces for a successful counter-attack in the near future.

France, which gives Chad's Army military assistance and has 2,400 troops in southern Chad, is expected to help President Habré to consolidate his victories.

● ***French burden:*** According to the official news agency, Jana, Libya holds France responsible for 438 Libyans said to have been captured at Wadi Doum, (Reuter reports).

Chinese austerity urged to combat wasteful spending

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Mr Wang Bingqian, the Chinese Minister of Finance, called yesterday called for increased economic austerity to combat inefficient investment and "unjustified expenditures" that are impairing China's economic performance.

To combat wasteful spending on locally-financed capital construction projects that are outside the state plans, Mr Wang announced that such funds would be cut by 50 per cent to 5.8 billion yuan (£1.1 billion) this year. "All localities and departments must strictly confine their capital investment to the amount set by the state budget," he said.

Mr Wang made his remarks in a speech at the National People's Congress in Peking on the performance of the 1986 budget and the prospects for the 1987 draft budget.

Mr Wang said state expenditure exceeded state revenue by seven billion yuan in 1986, and predicted a budget deficit of eight billion yuan for 1987. These deficits were, or will be caused, in large part by "unjustified expenditures," Mr Wang said.

He said that, in reviewing budget figures in the middle of last year, his staff came across the growing deficits. In June the State Council called a meeting of provincial governors and asked them to "cut back expenditures".

Later in the year, said Mr Wang, an "emergency circular" was issued by the State Council, which set forth measures for achieving financial balance and targets that localities and provinces were supposed to follow.

Before Mr Wang's report, some Chinese officials had said that a budget deficit of "several billion yuan" would be reported at yesterday's finance session of the congress. Many Western countries would not flinch at so small a budget deficit, but in China such deficits are taken seriously as possible signs of future economic difficulties.

Mr Wang reported that investment in large and medium-sized capital construction projects undertaken by collectively-owned units at present totalled more than 430 billion yuan. "Even if no new project is launched, we still need an additional 200 billion yuan of investment and more than four years to complete these projects," he said.

He attributed much of the waste to frivolous projects. "Some localities and departments contracted a large number of non-productive facilities, such as high-class office buildings, centres, amusement parks, vacation resorts and 'single-trade streets'," he said.

Mr Wang also attributed some of the wasteful spending to petty corruption, such as unnecessary travel and the hosting of lavish banquets. To curb such waste, he prescribed austerity: "We must enhance economic efficiency through increasing productivity and promoting economy, as well as fostering and opening up new sources of revenue."

Mr Wang said that China's national defence expenditures totalled 20 billion yuan in 1986, while health, education and other social service expenditures amounted to 38 billion yuan. For 1986, state revenues totalled 222 billion yuan, while state expenditures grew to 229 billion yuan.

To help fund the key state projects in such areas as energy, transportation and port construction, Mr Wang advocated an increased use of foreign loans in 1987.

Mr Song Ping, China's minister in charge of the State Planning Commission, yesterday also delivered a lengthy report to the congress on the first year of the country's seventh five-year plan. He warned against "the blind pursuit of an excessive" economic growth rate, and said that a 7 per cent rate — agriculture and industry produced a combined 7.4 per cent rate in 1986 — was now best.

Two held in house of horror case

Philadelphia (Reuter) — Police charged a second man, Cyril Brown, aged 27, with murder as they hunted for more remains yesterday in the house of a wealthy self-styled minister, Gary Heidnik, after finding three partly-clothed young women chained in the basement and human remains of at least two more women in a refrigerator.

Mr Heidnik, aged 42, described by neighbours as a "nice, quiet man" who owned several luxurious cars including a Rolls-Royce, has been charged with rape, kidnapping and murder.

Police described Mr Brown as a very close friend who often visited Mr Heidnik's home. They were alerted by a woman who said she escaped from a car being driven by Mr Heidnik. They found three semi-clad and starving women shackled to pipes in the basement of a terraced house he owns. They were suffering from malnutrition and dehydration and two were still in hospital yesterday.

Ships visit

Istanbul (Reuter) — A missile destroyer and a frigate of the Soviet Black Sea fleet dropped anchor in Istanbul on the first courtesy visit by Russian Navy units to Turkey, a Nato country, for more than nine years.

Doing well

Rome (Reuter) — The former Italian President, Signor Sandro Pertini, aged 90, who collapsed during the funeral of a murdered general last Monday, was doing well after surgery to fit a heart pacemaker.

Rescue deaths

Taipei (AFP) — Two officers were drowned and three are missing and feared dead after a naval salvage boat capsized while trying to rescue the crew of a grounded oil tanker off the northern port of Keelung.

Aden plan

Abu Dhabi (Reuter) — South Yemen will increase industrial investment in a revised five-year plan because of damage to facilities from last year's fighting in Aden.

Singer's prize

Hamburg (Reuter) — The British opera singer, Dame Gwyneth Jones, has been awarded an £8,000 West German prize for her contribution to European culture.

Drugs haul

Montreal (AFP) — More than nine tonnes of marijuana worth £18 million have been seized at the port of Montreal.

Battling Reagan ends his isolation

From Christopher Thomas Washington

President Reagan finally ended his White House isolation yesterday, travelling to Missouri for his first speech this year outside the capital, and warning Congress bluntly that he was ready to do battle to save his political agenda over the next 22 months.

The White House and Capitol Hill are suddenly on a confrontation course after the legislative torpor of the past four months. Mr Reagan made clear that he plans to fight for the Contras, Star Wars and arms control legislation in the coming months. And he faces an immediate clash over an $88 billion (£55 billion) Highway Bill.

In closed-session talks to 150 Republican members of Congress on Capitol Hill on Wednesday — his first such meeting in many months — President Reagan said he would veto the highway measure on cost grounds. Democrats, supported by many Republicans, will attempt to override the veto in both chambers, although there are doubts that there are enough votes to sustain the necessary two-thirds majority.

Many of Mr Reagan's closest supporters urged him to sign the Bill, both because it is immensely popular and because he has not recovered sufficiently from the Iran-Contra affair to run the political risk of defeat.

The measure's widespread popularity is partly due to a provision it includes to increase the speed limit from 55 mph to 65 mph on major rural roads. The West and Mid-West states have fought for years for a speed increase. And the declining northern towns have long sought the Bill's substantial road-building funds to boost their economies.

White House officials say the President is ready to embark on "a new agenda" in the belief that the worst of the Iran-Contra affair is behind him, a belief not shared by many Congressmen, who are convinced that new shocks await the President once the congressional investigating committees start hearing key witnesses.

In his talks on Capitol Hill the President spoke at length about his Strategic Defence Initiative, which faces severe budget cuts now that Democrats control both chambers of Congress.

He also laid down battle lines to save the Nicaraguan Contras from extinction. He said the United States should support the rebels in order to avoid "spilling the blood of our young servicemen," who might otherwise be called on to protect Nicaragua's neighbours.

Mr Jim Wright, Speaker of the House of Representatives, lamented yesterday: "I suppose some day I'll learn not to get my hopes up when they say they want to work together." Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said deficit reduction was "probably number one" on Mr Reagan's agenda, followed by improving world trade.

Demjanjuk lawyer is warned for contempt

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

The Israeli lawyer defending Mr John Demjanjuk, the suspected Nazi war criminal, was warned yesterday that he risked being charged with contempt of court if he persisted in his hostile and disrespectful attitude to the bench.

The lawyer, Mr Yoram Sheftel, again insinuated that the court was putting on a show trial — a remark which had earned him a sharp rebuke from Justice Dov Levin, the court president.

Yesterday's confrontation began when the defence attorney objected to the "stories" the prosecution was eliciting from a witness, Mrs Helge Grabitz, head of the Nazi War Crimes section in the Hamburg District Attorney's Office, concerning the Trawniki SS training camp which Mr Demjanjuk is alleged to have attended.

"It was not for this that this auditorium was rented," Mr Sheftel said, referring to the hall that has been packed to capacity with Israelis following the trial. The remark incensed Justice Levin, who asked the defence attorney to withdraw it immediately.

Drug hitman suspect held in US

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

An alleged Colombian contract-killer, suspected of the assassination attempt on his country's ambassador in Hungary *earlier this year*, has been arrested in the United States as a result of co-operation between police forces from both East and West.

Señor Alfonso Martinez Micolta, aged 36, is believed to be a *top hit-man for Colombia's cocaine barons*.

Señor Martinez was initially detained as an illegal immigrant in San Diego, California last Friday, having apparently entered the US from Mexico. But after US immigration authorities consulted the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Colombian police, it was yesterday revealed that he is the chief suspect in the attempt to murder Ambassador Enrique *Parejo González in Budapest* on January 13.

Señor Parejo had specifically requested the ambassadorship in Hungary in the belief that only a Communist bloc country could guarantee *to protect him from the death* threats from Colombian drug racketeers which had plagued him when he was Justice Minister in the previous government.

As Justice Minister he had been responsible for the extradition of alleged cocaine *capos* to the US under a treaty with Washington designed to bring international drug racketeers to justice. Señor Parejo was shot five times at point-blank range by a lone gunman *outside his official residence in* Budapest, but miraculously survived after emergency surgery.

At first it seemed that the *Hungarian police had no leads* in the case, but it now emerges that there has been extensive co-operation between Budapest, Interpol, the US and *police forces throughout Latin* America.

The US is determined to charge him with several murders in Miami, centre of the *Colombian racketeers' operations* in North America.

Marine arrests point to big security breach

From Charles Bremner, New York

Military investigators believe that two young Marine guards worked together to allow Soviet agents to enter the US Embassy in Moscow after they became involved with Russian women employed inside the mission.

Officials revealed their fears of a far-reaching security breach at the Moscow Embassy when they confirmed yesterday that a second Marine had been arrested on suspicion of spying along with Sergeant Clayton Lonetree, who was detained in December.

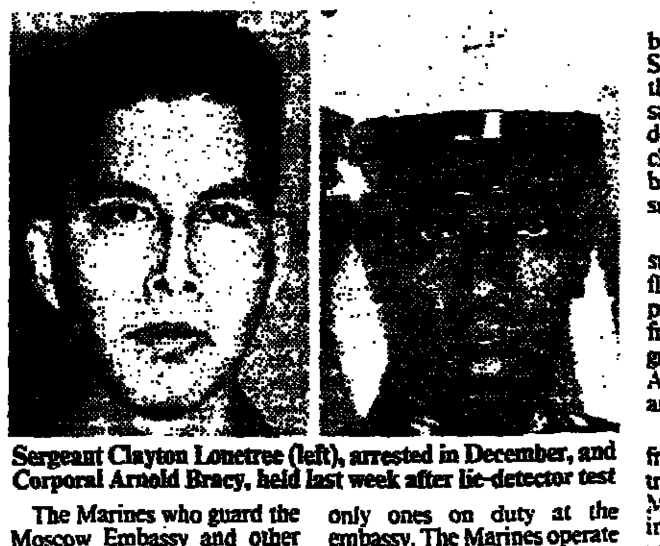
The case is the first involving espionage by Marines who have guarded US missions around the world since the end of the Second World War, and it follows a spate of dramatic Soviet spying successes against the US.

The State Department spokesman, Mr Charles Redman, said earlier this week that "we are treating this as a very serious breach. A full-scale counter-intelligence investigation is being conducted. We are looking at every aspect of security at the Embassy in Moscow."

Officials involved in the case said Corporal Arnold Bracy, aged 21, had broken down and confessed after he was given a lie-detector test at his California base last week. He was brought to the Quantico camp, Virginia, from California on Tuesday.

They said Corporal Bracy had been seduced by a Soviet cook at the mission, where he served in 1985 and part of 1986 along with Sergeant Lonetree. The sergeant, who had previously been thought to have worked alone, is alleged to have handed over secret papers to a Soviet secretary in the mission after he began an affair with her.

Officials said the Soviet intelligence service had clearly played on the loneliness of the two young men, who are not believed to have received more than token payments for their betrayal.



Sergeant Clayton Lonetree (left), arrested in December, and Corporal Arnold Bracy, held last week after lie-detector test

The Marines who guard the Moscow Embassy and other US missions in Soviet bloc states lead isolated lives, alternating duty with supervised recreation. Socializing takes place in embassy bars frequented by Westerners only.

The security breach has emerged as far graver than originally thought because the two guards were at times the only ones on duty at the embassy. The Marines operate a "buddy system" of mutual supervision there.

It is not clear whether the uniformed guards would have had any access to the safes inside the offices where the embassy's staff of diplomats, intelligence officers and military and other attachés keep their sensitive papers.

The embassy has for years been the focus of intensive Soviet espionage efforts. In the late 1970s, the Americans said they had found listening devices in the mission and claimed it was being bombarded with microwaves from surveillance devices.

Diplomats said the damage suspected to have been inflicted by the Marines was probably not as great as that from the treason of a disgruntled Central Intelligence Agency agent, Edward Howard, in 1985.

Howard was dismissed from the CIA after receiving training for assignment in the Moscow station, whose work involves recruiting Soviet agents to spy for the US.

The KGB picked off the embassy's local contacts one by one, starting in 1985, apparently on information supplied by Howard. Investigators are now working on the possibility that the identities of agents could have been provided by the Marines as well.

PUBLIC NOTICE

At a duly minuted resolution by the company's directors dated 23 Feb. 1987 the shareholders and directors of a large direct importers bonded warehouse, totally illiquid, have been reluctantly compelled to liquidate assets and inventory held in order to stimulate cash.
Exacting pressure by creditors together with heavy financial costs, in servicing short term loans has made this a sale of necessity and instructions have been issued to dispose of the entire inventory piece by piece to the highest bidder at a

SHORT NOTICE AUCTION
of
PERSIAN, ISLAMIC & EASTERN
CARPETS, RUGS & RUNNERS

Originating from diverse weaving centres of Asia Minor, Iran, the Caucasus and other important weaving areas. There are antique Caucasian and Persian rugs of high value and importance which include 19th and early 20th century silk and wool pieces.

KARS RUG

ON SUNDAY MARCH 29 AT 3 P.M.
ON VIEW 1 HOUR PRIOR TO AUCTION
AT THE SALEROOM OF
A. WELLESLEY BRISCOE & PTNS. LTD.
Specialist auctioneers and valuers in the woven arts.
ROXBY PLACE, FULHAM, LONDON SW6. TEL: 01-381 8558

Directions: Travelling west along Old Brompton Road take first turning left after West Brompton tube station into Seagrave Road — Take first left again into Roxby Place.

TERMS: CHEQUE, CASH AND ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS

هكذا من الإصل

Monument to a fraudster

Last month *The Times* revealed how Jiri Frel (left), former curator of the Getty Museum, ran a massive tax fraud through over-valued donations. Now Geraldine Norman reveals that he bought Greek sculptures for the museum which may be fakes

Dr *Jiri Frel is likely to go* down in museum history as the most flamboyantly fraudulent curator ever employed by a major institution. He was curator of antiquities at the Getty Museum in California, the richest museum in the world, from 1973 to April 1984, and built a spectacular collection of Greek and Roman art, freewheeling his way through the market and fixing extraordinary deals.

Last month *The Times* revealed that Frel, aged 63, had run a giant tax fraud by over-valuing donations to the museum so that the donors could offset the valuation of their gifts against tax. It seems to have been his solution to the Getty trustees' acquisition policy; they wanted to buy a limited number of major pieces for exhibition, Frel wanted a large collection to provide students with a comprehensive picture of the achievements of artists and craftsmen of antiquity. Frel did not care if the pieces were fragmentary or damaged.

In 11 years, Frel attracted donations valued at more than $14 million, a resounding record for any single curator. He found collectors who were willing to donate regularly, using outside appraisers and fair market values. But he also imported antiquities from Switzerland by the crate load, found donors and supplied them with massively overvalued appraisals. Some donors did not even pay for the pieces.

After an investigation started by the museum in August 1983, Frel was relieved of his curatorial responsibilities in April 1984. But the tax irregularities were not reported to the Internal Revenue Service. Frel left for Europe. In June 1985 he was reclassified as "senior research curator" but remained in Paris until his resignation in December 1986.

Frel's approach to his job can be described as amoral and is perhaps best explained by his experience of life in Czechoslovakia under the communist regime. Survival presumably depended on finding a way around regulations.

The donations affair was only a sideline of Frel's activities. Much more disquiet has been caused in art circles by his multi-million dollar purchases of Greek sculptures, believed by many scholars to be fakes. In the light of the donations scandal, three questions arise: where did the sculptures come from? Why has their origin been so carefully obscured? *Did Frel believe in their* authenticity?

The export of archaeological material from Greece, Italy and Turkey is prohibited and, despite the activities of smugglers, this means that *important classical sculpture is* almost impossible to come by. Frel presented his trustees with four *spectacular pieces. First came an* archaic Greek relief depicting a warrior bandaging the head of a dying companion, bought in early 1979 *for a reputed $2.5 million*. Few people now consider it authentic. It remains on view but the museum administration admits to doubt.

The relief was rapidly followed by the marble head of a warrior attributed to Skopas, a fabled Greek sculptor of the fourth century B.C., also reputed to have cost $2.5 million. The head is now thought to be a copy made around 1900 from a plaster cast of a genuine but very damaged head in the Athens National Museum.

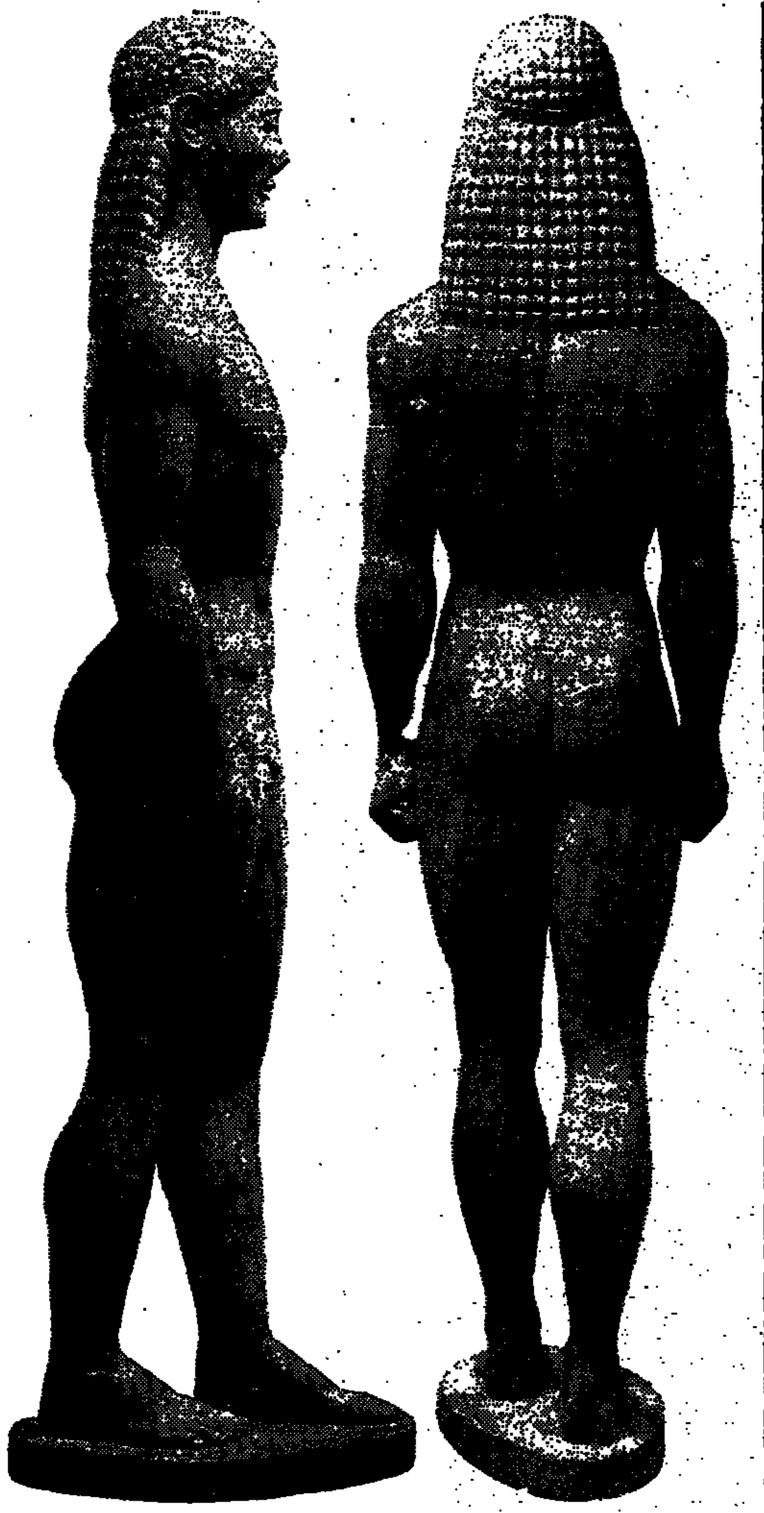
The third offering never made it into the museum collection. Frel secured a second archaic relief depicting a man in profile holding a flower which he put on exhibition pending the trustees approval of the purchase. The price was around $3 million, but this time Federico Zeri, a trustee and former art advisor to J. Paul Getty, denounced the piece as a fake. It was rejected by the board.

The fourth sculpture, a life-size marble sculpture of a youth dating from around 530 B.C., was by far the most spectacular. It was bought by the museum in December 1984 and is still the subject of heated controversy. It arrived at the museum in seven pieces but is almost complete. The type of image, known as a kouros, is often found in Greek art but only about a dozen full-size sculptures have survived in such good condition. Zeri again denounced the piece as a fake but this time the trustees called for an inquiry and after a year's investigation it was bought for a reputed $7 million.

If genuine, it might be worth $30 million or more but such a sensational art work does not turn up out *of nowhere*. Even if it was illegally excavated, news of such a find would have spread among archaeologists. Its vendors appear to have been well aware of this and no less than three separate stories of its origin are in circulation. Our investigations suggest that all three are fabrications.

The museum says that it came from a Swiss private collection where it had been for the last 50 years. The supposed source is the collection of Dr Jean Lauffenburger of Geneva who died in 1985. Jacques Chamay, curator of the Musée d'Art et d'Histoire in Geneva, who has collaborated on scholarly publications with Frel, certified that he saw the kouros in Lauffenburger's collection.

Professor José Dörig of Geneva, who was commissioned by Lauffenburger to catalogue the collection, is sure that Lauffenburger never owned it unless it was purposely hidden. A number of Lauffenburger's close friends confirm this view.



Spectacular find or fake? A life-size marble sculpture, said to date from around 530 B.C., bought by the Getty Museum for a reputed $7 million

The Lauffenburger story did not apparently find favour with scholars but a second, unofficial, history has been widely accepted, namely that it was illegally excavated on the island of Mozia, off the coast of Sicily. Italian archaeologists reject this claim, pointing out that Mozia was a *Punic* settlement, not a *Greek* one, and that the only archaic sculpture to be found there had been carried off as booty from Selinunte in Sicily.

A third story comes from an Italian dealer in New York who claims to have been offered the kouros before it found its way into the hands of Gianfranco Becchina, the Basle dealer, who is known to have negotiated its sale to the Getty Museum, although he denies it. The New York dealer was told that it had been found in Greece while Valtour, an Italian tour operator, was digging the foundations for a resort. But Valtour says that its only operation in Greece is on the island of Corfu, and was built by the Holiday Inn chain. So the third story falls.

If Frel ever turns up, it would be nice to hear how he found it.

TALE OF HEADS THAT DIVIDED THE EXPERTS

The head of a warrior attributed to Skopas was bought from Michel de Bry, a Paris collector and dealer. Archaeologist Francois Chamoux gave a presentation on the attribution to Skopas to the Societé des Antiquaires de France at the Louvre in April 1978. He says it was treated with hesitation and coldness by the Louvre's curators. The same went for other scholars.

Nevertheless Frel encouraged the art critic of the *Los Angeles Times*, William Wilson, to attend a second Chamoux presentation in Paris in January 1979. Wilson wrote an enthusiastic article concluding with these ringing words: "Is the shade of J. Paul Getty at this moment whispering into the ears of the museum trustees 'Grab it fellows?'." They did just that.

Frel is said to have brought the archiac relief, showing a warrior bandaging the head of a dying companion, into America in his personal baggage. This, in itself, is highly irregular. He is said to have done it in order to avoid the vendor becoming explicitly known to the museum and to save the vendor embarrassment if the authenticity of the relief was questioned.

Frel himself wrote a book on the relief. In a footnote, he says he was told in 1973 by the late E. Langlotz, an eminent German scholar, that the relief came from Anavysos in Greece and was on the market in 1931. It may be significant that a similar origin was suggested for the kouros.

Original or copy? Marble head of a warrior, bought for $2.5 million

FRENCH CONNECTION

In March 1986 Frel moved to an *apartment outside* Paris. Although the flat is owned by Frel the telephone is in the name of Brigitte Ruelle, a *friend* who works at the Louvre.

***The Times* has visited the apartment several times, rung up, left letters. The messages have reached him, according to Brigitte Ruelle, but he has resolutely avoided talking to us.**

His car, which we saw in the drive, is registered in the name of a Swiss computer company called Format Tripos. Its administrators are listed as Roland and Fabianne Zanotelli of Ennetbaden, near Basle. Mrs Zanotelli told us that she had never heard of Frel.

The Zanotellis had previously lived in Basle in the same building as Gianfranco Becchina, the antiquities dealer who handled the sale of the kouros to the Getty. Mrs Zanotelli ran a shop selling antiquities. Becchina says that he knows her well, but denies that he works with either the Zanotellis or Frel.

Where ghosts smile on Aids

Sexual traditions are a formidable obstacle to doctors in Zambia, where Aids is now endemic

When a man dies in rural Zambia local tradition demands that one of his male relatives must have sex with his widow. The Bemba tribe call the custom "Ukupyana" which means "succession". Other tribes have different names but everywhere the notion is the same — that the woman must be "cleansed" or she would be haunted by the ghost of the dead man. In a country where as many as 15 per cent of the people are thought to be Aids virus carriers the implications are frightening.

"Aids is a very serious problem for Zambia," the country's president, Dr Kenneth Kaunda, told *The Times*. "*This disease* could easily carry millions away *from us*." He appealed for western *countries to* make funds available to *combat the* disease.

Researchers *in* Lusaka find it difficult to estimate the extent of the infection. Local authorities keep the reports of researchers and provincial medical officers a close secret. The health minister last week insisted that World Health Organization figures showed fewer than 300 cases in Zambia.

Doctors tell a different story. One, supervising a blood donor session, spoke of a routine sample which showed 18 per cent of donors infected with the virus. Another, in a VD clinic, said the rate was 33 per cent. Among the capital's population it is said to be 23 per cent, according to researchers at the university teaching hospital.

"It is particularly prevalent among the businessmen who travel to Lusaka, and among the poor girls they mix with when they return here," said an expatriate doctor at a remote rural hospital. "We test those who are ill and the results show that 50 per cent have the virus. Among the soldiers the rate is virtually 100 per cent; Aids could wipe out the entire Zambian army in 10 years. Interestingly, however, fewer people seem actually to die from the disease here than we would expect. Perhaps the strain is *slightly* different. Perhaps the local population have had it for years and have developed partial *immunity*."

The educated urban elite, whose skills are desperately needed in *Zambia, are being* hit disproportionately, presumably because they have more opportunities for promiscuity. Already two of the country's nine provincial medical officers are understood to have died from Aids.

Cultural traditions play a part. The "Ukupyana", for example, is not entirely confined to rural areas; indeed, two weeks ago it was debated at a women's meeting in the capital. There were counsels of prudence, which condemned it as suicide. There were moral admonitions, which denounced it as evil. But the meeting also heard assertions of national and tribal pride.

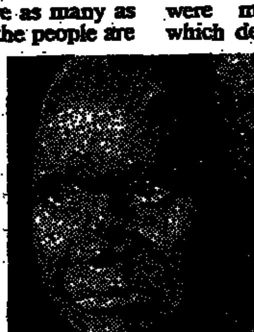
"Aids or no Aids, succession must take place. We shall be defeating our own culture if we sacrifice our tradition because of fear of Aids," one widow said. Men should continue the ancient practice "even if it means following their dead relatives", said another. And there are other, more deep seated, factors.

"Most Zambian men have a girlfriend as well as a wife. It is normal. So is going with the barmaid at the end of a night's drinking. And the use of condoms is considered disgusting by both sexes," a teacher in Lusaka told me.

"The notion of sticking to one partner is culturally unacceptable to them," a rural doctor agreed. "There is also a peculiar African fatalism connected with Aids. A common response to getting the disease is: 'I'm not going *alone'. So many people* immediately went out and deliberately had sex after being told, that we had seriously to consider whether it was more ethical not to tell people than *to inform them. In the end* we decided that we just couldn't do that."

The extent of the disease in Zambia makes it an ideal area for medical research. But to raise such issues in public is to risk being branded a racist. "Most seriously," said a western diplomat, "we run the risk that if we offend the Zambians they might put an end to research programmes which could prove vital to the rest of the world."

Paul Vallely



'This disease could easily carry millions away from us'

Kenneth Kaunda

Mortgages for the goats

A building society for the "greens" has become one of Britain's fastest growing successes

"Building society annual general meetings are not really very sparkling affairs," Bob Lowman says. "At last year's, some of the directors and I thought, why don't we try and make the next one a bit more interesting?"

***The* Ecology Building Society's AGM tomorrow should certainly be unique in the annals of building society lore. One of the directors will bring along his family ceilidh band, and various investors are providing craftwork, weaving, puppetry and spinning displays. Vegetarian food will be arranged by another investor, and to round off the day there will be circle-dancing, organized by another director.**

The building society, based in West Yorkshire, was set up seven years ago, and whatever its eccentricities may suggest, *it* is a very *efficient* financial institution. Its assets grew by *48 per cent last year, making it* Britain's fastest-growing small building society, and *now stand at £1.8 million*.

It makes a point of lending on the kind of properties which other building societies turn down flat; that are, in the words of its rules, "most likely to lead to the saving of non-renewable resources, the promotion of self-sufficiency in individuals or communities or the most ecologically efficient use of land".

That includes loans to people who want to run goat farms or generate their own electricity; to communes and co-operatives, on back-to-backs in inner city areas and on derelict houses. In fact, almost the only thing the society really doesn't like to lend on is the traditional home with a builder's guarantee.

Craig Nook, in Cumbria, is typical of projects financea with the society's help. Until recently it was a derelict smallholding on which was the remains of a house. Now the house is rebuilt in traditional style. From it, the owner farms an organic smallholding which not only provides her with a living but also gives her the kind of food she needs to cope with her multiple allergies.

The society was begun by a local solicitor, David Pedley, in 1980, after he had failed to get a mortgage to convert an old barn he wanted to live in. He steered the society through its first five years but in 1985 he left to be replaced as general manager by the soberly-dressed Lowman, a former branch manager of the Lambeth Building Society with 17 years of traditional building society experience.

"I wasn't particularly interested in ecology when I joined, but I've become converted from what I've seen," Lowman says. "I like the feeling that we're doing something constructive. Ecology has a rather soft image, and undoubtedly some people consider us a soft touch. In fact our rules are strict, and they've got to be — we don't want to go out of business. We only lend what can be realistically repaid — up to twice income, no more. We lend on a maximum of 80 per cent of the value, so borrowers must come up with the other 20 per cent — that takes care of what we call the dreamers.

"Following on from these principles, we're happy to lend on properties that other societies won't touch, because we believe that if someone puts several thousand pounds of their own capital into, say, a derelict house they're going to be highly motivated to restore it as soon as possible."

Jenny Woolf

Building Society
HOW TO GET A LOAN WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED
ECOLOGY BUILDING SOCIETY AGM

THE TIMES

SATURDAY

—*Portfolio Gold*—

£12,000 to be won

In, out, in, out . . .

The culture clash between modern American business school methods and ancient 'varsity tradition has surfaced in the row over one of the crews for tomorrow's Boat Race. Was the selection of imported supermen rather bad form, or simple common sense? *The Times* talks to the controversial Yanks at Oxford

Improving with age? Soho's old restaurants

Stratford comes to town The RSC's capital invasion

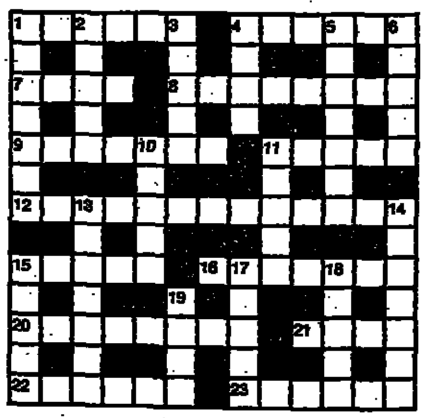
Can you always get your copy of The Times?

Dear Newsagent, please deliver/save me a copy of The Times

NAME ____________________

ADDRESS ____________________

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1217



ACROSS
1 Bandage completely (6)
4 Crucial stage (6)
7 Over sweeten (4)
8 Wreck deliberately (8)
9 Entirely (7)
11 King's period (5)
12 Wind speed measure (8,5)
15 Elk (5)
16 Windfall (7)
20 Conduct business (8)
21 Harvest (4)
22 Engraving tool (6)
23 Go back on word (6)

DOWN
1 Yield to (7)
2 Assume (5)
3 Artist's stand (5)
4 Young bears (4)
5 Endurance (7)
6 Lustre (5)
10 Ransack (5)
11 Ascended (5)
13 Irregularity (7)
14 Sample (7)
15 Numbers science (5)
17 Hunted water mammal (5)
18 Norwegian (5)
19 Go by (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1216

ACROSS: 1 Decoke 4 Censor 9 Footman 10 Lusty 11 Beau 12 Anguish 14 Amphetamine 18 Distant 19 Afar 22 Union 24 Ominous 25 T-shirt 26 Impale

DOWN: 1 Deft 2 Crone 3 Kampuchea 5 Ell 6 Session 7 Rhythm 8 Incantation 11 Box 13 Gymnasium 15 Messiah 16 Err 17 Adjust 20 Agora 21 Isle 23 Nor

DISPOSAL BY HIGHLY IMPORTANT PUBLIC AUCTION
OF SEVERAL HUNDRED EXCEPTIONALLY FINE AND MEDIUM QUALITY, HANDMADE
PERSIAN CARPETS
RUGS AND RUNNERS

and others from the more important weaving centres of the East. Included are many antiques, silks, kelims, nomadics and other unusual items not generally to be found on the home market. This merchandise is the property of a number of principal direct importers in the UK which has been cleared from bond and to be disposed of at nominal or no reserve for immediate cash realisation. Every item guaranteed authentic. Expert advice available at time of viewing. To be transferred from bonded warehouses and offered at

THE MEMORIAL HALL,
WEST STREET,
FARNHAM, SURREY
ON SAT 28TH MARCH
AT 3.30 PM
VIEWING FROM 2.30 PM
ON DAY OF SALE

THE RICHMOND HILL HOTEL
146/150 RICHMOND HILL
RICHMOND, SURREY
ON SUN 29TH MARCH
AT 11.30 AM
VIEWING FROM 10.30 AM
ON DAY OF SALE

THE ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION
CHARLES ST.
(ADJACENT TO CHESTERFIELD HOTEL)
LONDON W1
ON SUN 29TH MARCH
AT 3.30PM
VIEWING FROM 2.30 PM
ON DAY OF SALE

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Owing to the urgency of realising immediate cash, these items are being offered under instructions to ensure complete disposal.

BALLINGTON GRANGE LTD, 28 ROSSLYN HILL, HAMPSTEAD NW3. Tel: 01-794 7806

Payment Cash, Cheque or all major credit cards

URGENT STOP SHIPMENT
AUCTION SALE
Duly authorised by the largest Persian carpet dealer in the world, we have been instructed to liquidate a complete shipment of
Extraordinary High Value
PERSIAN RUGS
Carpets and runners of silk and wool and other fine pieces of other origins originally destined for a major United States importer who unfortunately finds himself unable to meet the financial criterior to secure the release of funds in excess of $4,000,000-00 to pay for this merchandise.

As a new U.S. embargo affecting three major weaving areas in the East, transhipped through London, is now in effect, a portion of these goods have now been cleared through Her Majesty's Customs so that they may be offered to the public at large on the home market, for immediate cash realisation.

Due to the vast number of pieces involved, the auction will be held in the morning at:

Riviera Hotel
At The Bridge
Maidenhead Berks.
Saturday 28 March

Clarendon Hotel
Montpelier Row
Blackheath SE3
Sunday 29 March

Preview 10.30am Sale 11.30am
Terms: Cash or Cheque Conditions: 10% Buyers Premium
Continental Shipping and Finance Ltd.
7-11 Kensington High Street, London W8. Tel: 01-937 9801

هكذا من الأصل

FRIDAY PAGE

United we will divide

A remarkable new system of divorce offers low costs and less acrimony. Clare Dyer reports on mediation's first success story

Paula Youens

"If he'd continued to refuse to give me my half share out of the house and it had gone to solicitors, I'd probably have said I didn't care if every penny got spent, and we might both have ended up with nothing." But Alison and her husband Mark, unlike most divorcing couples, didn't consult separate solicitors. They saw only one. And their divorce, which came through this month, cost them less than £100 and two 90-minute sessions round a table.

Since the late 70s, divorcing couples in the US have had the choice of opting out of "you see your lawyer and I'll see mine" confrontations and negotiating the matrimonial carve-up in a cheaper, less destructive way — through one lawyer who mediates between them. Alison and Mark's divorce is the first to come out of a new British scheme, Solicitors in Mediation.

Jack Bleiman, the solicitor involved in their mediation, picked up some of his skills in New York, where mediation is fast gaining ground as a way of settling divorce disputes. Still at the pilot stage, the British scheme has been kept closely under wraps until now for fear of stimulating a demand its resources couldn't meet.

Mediation isn't a new concept in this country. Most areas have divorce conciliatiaion services which help separating parents avoid costly and damaging court fights by hammering out their own custody and access agreements. The problem is that the divorce battle lines are rarely drawn just around the children. Issues about children, money and the home are often hopelessly intertangled and husband and wife are bargaining in the shadow of the law, which will impose its own judgement if they can't agree. But mediators, mainly social workers or probation officers, aren't legal experts. The arrival of lawyers on the scene enables couples to thrash out all the issues between them and tie up all the loose ends.

For Lisa Parkinson, who ran Britain's first mediation scheme, the Bristol Courts Family Conciliation Service, for four years, mediation with lawyers was the obvious next step. "In my experience as a family conciliator working mainly on custody and access, you touch on the other issues because they're interrelated, but you can't go very far.

"If there are complicated issues, you have to discuss those with your solicitor and come back, and it fragments the process. With the couple going separately to their solicitors they can't keep as much joint control over it as they can do if they're both in the same room discussing it together."

Mark and Alison, both aged 28, were at loggerheads over what should happen to their suburban London house when their eight-year marriage ended. "There was a lot of acrimony," Alison recalls. "It was going to be fraught." She felt she should get half the value of their £65,000 home, while Mark thought he deserved a bigger share.

Alison, who earns £10,000 a year as an administrative assistant, says: "With his £14,000 salary, he could easily have increased the mortgage and paid me my half share." Mark, a training officer with a large company, counters: "I couldn't afford a £45,000 mortgage, and anyway I believed I deserved more than half, because I paid the mortgage for four years while she took a degree and then did voluntary work."

With both of them still living under the same roof, the atmosphere was tense when the Citizens' Advice Bureau suggested Solicitors in Mediation. Mark was keen, Alison "a bit apprehensive", when they turned up last October at the offices of Jack Bleiman, just west of Marylebone station in London.

Bleiman, a grandfatherly veteran of the divorce courts, is one of five solicitors specially trained to co-mediate with Parkinson.

"I was pleasantly surprised," Alison remembers. "It was reassuring to find that they were both older and very calm and they both seemed to know very much what they were talking about in their own fields. They said they weren't going to take sides, they were going to be very objective, and they were. They listened, they passed comments, we both had our say."

By the end of the first session, Mark and Alison had agreed that they would sell the house and that each would get half what was left after the mortgage was paid off.

"We helped them identify an option they hadn't considered," explains Parkinson. "The two options they came with were either a 50-50 split or Mark having more. We suggested another way of looking at it: Alison is now capable of being self-sufficient, which she might not have been if she hadn't taken that degree, and that lets Mark off the hook."

Parkinson and Bleiman asked Alison and Mark to try to decide between sessions what to do about their car and furniture and to think about the other vexed issue: who would file for divorce and on what grounds? Both were adamant that they wanted a quick divorce, and said adultery wasn't relevant, so that left only unreasonable behaviour.

Using this ground means that one partner has to catalogue the other's matrimonial misdemeanours in the divorce petition, and unless the behaviour is "strong" enough, the court may throw the petition out and refuse the divorce.

Bleiman remembers: "I made a bloomer during the course of this and I was put right by Lisa. I said: 'You've got to have an unreasonable behaviour petition which is not too emotive but nevertheless will pass through the system. So I suggested that they go into separate rooms and each work out how the other had behaved badly and then exchange lists. Lisa, quite rightly, put a stop to that."

Parkinson explains that she could see the expression on Alison's face, and she was very worried. "I said, this is obviously going to be a very painful thing and the only way is for all four of us to work at it together." By the time Alison and Mark returned for the second session three weeks later, they had decided that Mark should divorce Alison, and had sorted out the furniture and car.

Bleiman worked out the wording of the divorce petition, which in the end was factually, though blandly, worded and based on the fact that Alison stopped sleeping with Mark. The mediators point out that it is open to the couple to have their agreement vetted by their own, separate solicitors, but Alison and Mark decided against this, so Bleiman guided them through the necessary court paperwork, and six weeks ago, they both moved into their new homes.

Parkinson and Bleiman readily concede that Mark and Alison's divorce had fewer disputed issues than most, but both see mediation as an alternative to litigation even for the more difficult cases, involving children and complications over money and property.

One point that concerns Bleiman is "whether a certain amount of confrontation and — I don't want to use the term blood-letting — getting rid of your anger isn't necessary." Parkinson's answer to that is: "But that can happen in mediation. And it can happen more constructively."

© Times Newspapers Ltd 1987

Solicitors in Mediation are willing to take on a limited number of new cases. They can be contacted at 8 Portman Street, Portman Square, London W1H 0BA or through Diana Parker on 01-836 8400. At the moment mediation sessions are held only in London.

Reading the riot facts

BARBARA AMIEL

Robert Kilroy-Silk devoted one of his *Day to Day* television programmes last week to a discussion on the police and the community. In the middle of the usual porridge about the Broadwater Farm riots and police racism came an unexpected comment from a woman in the audience.

"I am a black Englishwoman," she said. "And just like there are good and bad white Englishmen, there are good and bad black ones." She continued by pointing out that every individual earns respect through his or her own actions. She did not blame the environment, the police, Mrs Thatcher or high-rise buildings for the riots.

Her trenchant recap of Aristotelian ethics, however, wasn't cutting much ice that morning, because just a few minutes later a nice policeman spoke up. He was a community liaison officer and it was evident he had taken advanced courses in communications. He wanted to assure viewers that our police force was taking a realistic, no-holds barred look at itself. After all, he said, racism was part of British society, and since the police are part of that society, they could not but help be affected by the dreaded virus. This stunning condemnation of both British society and the police passed without being challenged and quite undercut what the woman had said.

But what she said rang a bell with me. Most of us, black and white, rich and poor, do not riot even when we are frustrated and feel hard done by. The reason, I suppose, has to do with the way we are brought up and the values given to us by our families and schools. It is probably not conducive to civility to have role models who tell you rioting is all right. One thinks of the American senator Hubert Humphrey telling Americans that "If I were black I would riot". One might think of London's black community leaders telling press conferences that British police behave like "German Nazis".

'Police are attacked because they will put up a good fight'

There has never been much mystery about how to deal with riots. People stop rioting if they are confronted by well-armed and well-prepared police in sufficient numbers. There is much more confusion about the causes of riots, but a great deal was clarified for me in a brilliant book, *The Unheavenly City*, by Professor Edward Banfield of Harvard University, written some 20 years ago. Banfield wrote his book in the wake of the 1960s riots in the black ghettos of America. He argued that the conventional reasons given for the violence — racism, poverty, bad housing and police misconduct — were not the causes. In a chapter titled "Rioting mainly for fun and profit" he identified four motivations for a riot.

The Rampage: this is an outbreak of animal spirits usually by young males who like action and thrill. Often they feel "pushed around" and want dramatic reassurance that they can "make things happen". A rampage may start with an incident, but that is usually a pretext rather than a provocation. "The police," wrote Banfield, "are frequently attacked by rampages: this is not because they are hated (although they may be) but because they will put up a good fight."

The Pillage: here the motive is theft. Riots are seldom started by thieves, but a riot makes it convenient to loot and many thieves will join in and swell the violence.

The Outburst of Riotious Indignation: this is when the rioters are moved by indignation at what they regard, rightly or wrongly, as injustice likely to go unpunished. It is always spontaneous and by its nature does not have leaders.

The Demonstration: here the motive is to advance the political cause or ideology. This is not spontaneous but rather a pre-arranged, organized event with usually middle or upper-class leaders. Demonstrations characteristically involve a breach of the peace rather than violence.

These are the motivations for a riot. As for the direct causes, Banfield lists, among others, sensational television coverage that recruits rampagers and pillagers (lower-class people, he says, don't read, but they generally have a television set); weak responses by police and courts, and a *zeitgeist* that legitimizes rioting as an understandable result of difficult conditions.

When Banfield wrote his book, Broadwater Farm estate had not been built, let alone seen a riot. Back then, a careful reading of *The Unheavenly City* might have helped avoid the mayhem to come. A reading of it now might dispel some of the more feeble explanations and excuses for its occurrence.

Right mix in an oasis of sanity

For 25 years a southern African college has blazed a trail for peace through education

On a rocky hillside in Swaziland this evening, the Prince of Wales will be among the guests at Waterford School celebrating its joint 25th anniversary with United World Colleges, of which he is President (a role he inherited from Lord Mountbatten of Burma). Waterford was recently adopted as a UWC member, and this is the Prince's first visit to the trail-blazing school, not far from the South African border, which educates children of all races and colours from the age of 11 upwards, and whose past and present pupils include the Mandela girls, the Tutu children, and Nadine Gordimer's son.

UWC is a worldwide educational movement, started by Kurt Hahn (founder of Gordonstoun, Prince Charles's old school, and Outward Bound), whose aim is to promote international understanding and peace through education. All the colleges are for sixth-formers, except for Waterford and a school in Singapore; pupils are drawn from all over the globe, with about 25 per cent from the host country — substantial numbers come from the Third World, (including China), some from Iron Curtain countries including — although rarely — Russia; all follow the *International* Baccalaureate curriculum, and English is the main teaching language.

Development is the theme now under discussion among members of the UWC international council, the board, committees and ex-students, who have all gathered in Swaziland. They include Kingman Brewster, Shridath Ramphal, Sir Richard Attenborough, and Sir Ian Gourlay, the UWC's director general. According to Sir Ian they will be looking at the possibilities of opening colleges in Japan (where they have been offered land), in India (where the need is desperate and where Prince Charles has already talked the project over with Rajiv Gandhi) and Hong Kong, and they are considering more specialized colleges.

Atlantic College in Wales (at St Donat's Castle, which Randolph Hearst had bought for Marion Davies) is the oldest; the newest is an agricultural college in Venezuela, which opened last year, a direct result of Prince Charles's initiative, and to date the only specialist college. Other colleges are in Canada, New Mexico and Italy.

Set in stunning surroundings, following Hahn's Wordsworthian belief in the influence of nature, the colleges make use of sea and mountains for challenging climbing and rescue service training; community service is an essential part of the education, and the arts are strongly emphasized. Academic lessons start at 8am, and last the whole morning: the afternoon is given over to activities. Debate, discussions, international issues, current affairs are given far more prominence and time than at most schools.

"Going back to my old school," says an English girl currently at Atlantic College, "I find my friends have tunnel vision, with small, cosy ambitions — they're not concerned with what goes on outside their own little worlds."

Matthew Parris, presenter of LWT's *Weekend World*, was once head-boy of Waterford. "We felt like pioneers in those early days; there was an element of risk," he says. Social tensions outside the school and going home to Rhodesia always always came as a shock to Parris. "Taking the train back to school in the winter, we used to have to wait on a platform at a small town in South Africa at 4am, and it was always freezing: there was only one waiting room, and it was for whites only. We never could decide whether some of us should go in and keep warm . . ."

Sir Richard Attenborough, Chairman of the Waterford UK Trustees, describes Waterford as "an oasis of sanity in southern Africa", and reminds you of the courage, strength and vision that was needed to start such a school in an explosive political situation years ago. In September, Attenborough will spearhead an appeal to raise much needed money for bursaries, expansion for a third stream and more buildings.

Waterford has been criticized as élitist. "But in the light of the circumstances, it seems justified," says Attenborough. "It would be wonderful to expand."

Sarah Drummond

© Times Newspapers Ltd 1987

MONDAY

Irene Stein, the queen bee of the health and beauty business

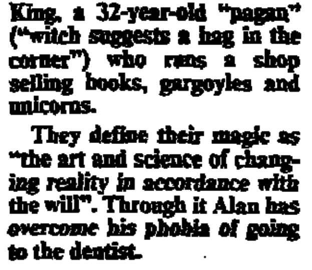
Who, where, witch?

Occult figures are gathering in London to spell out the art and science of modern magic

If you wish to purchase a ceremonial knife (no cutting edge), join a pagan "at home" with the High Priestess of Clapham or see how astrology has turned user-friendly (calculations on computers), try Battersea Town Hall, home from today until Sunday to the fourth Prediction Festival.

Jo Logan, editor of *Prediction*, "Britain's Number one magazine for the inner mind", says there has been a huge surge of interest in counselling, astrology and Wicca (witchcraft). *Prediction* sells 30,000 copies a month and its readers are almost equally divided between the sexes, but of the 75 stalls at the festival, male exhibitors predominate.

The High Priestess of Clapham — "Just call me Shan, that's how I'm known publicly" — will also be there, to give advice and sell books. "We are forbidden to missionarize. We think it incredibly vulgar." Now 38 and a former computer consultant, she has become a full-time witch. "A lot of witches come from computers and electronics." She runs her Clapham temple, offers healing and counselling (£10 per weekly session), organizes witches courses (£55 for 5 days) and gives Tarot readings, at £13 an hour. Witches, she says, are not rich.



Any witch way: Alan King

She will be there with Alan King, a 32-year-old "pagan" ("witch suggests a hag in the corner") who runs a shop selling books, gargoyles and unicorns.

They define their magic as "the art and science of changing reality in accordance with the will". Through it Alan has overcome his phobia of going to the dentist.

"We don't believe in good and evil," says Shan. "I tend not to work magic on those I hate. I hit them or serve a writ on them."

Shan is thankful that she was brought up without Christianity and approves of "hand-fasting", the pagan equivalent of marriage which lasts for a year. "It accepts that a relationship, just as everything, has its season."

She also enjoys naked rituals in her temple in Clapham or other secluded places. "Sky clad", she calls them. Clothes, she explains, muffle the aura, and it becomes hot when there is a lot of "personal energy" in a confined space. Alan points out that it gets hot when you are working with a lot of candles.

She shows me her temple. It is about 15 foot square. A cauldron hangs in the centre and a labyrinth is painted on the floor. Empty alcohol bottles stand in a corner — remnants, perhaps, of a witches' shindig. My hands have started to turn lurid yellow. Something I have picked up in the shop, Alan suggests. Now the photographer's cameras have both jammed. Rumour has it, Alan says, that witches appear as shadows in photographs, but this has never happened before. "I put a jinx on machines," explains the High Priestess of Clapham.

Caroline Phillips

© Times Newspapers Ltd 1987

THE NATURAL FAMILY DOCTOR
General Editor
Dr Andrew Stanway
The authoritative self-help guide to health and natural medicine

Essential reference for those who wish to take responsibility for their own health and that of their *children*

•

Clearly illustrated with diagrams, charts and photographs

•

Contributions from an international team of over 30 specialists and therapists

CENTURY £12.95

Last 3 days!
Everything must go

We're about to computerise our whole stock-taking operation. And in order to avoid a nightmare and start with a clean sheet, we're closing and offering our entire stock of exclusive furs at giveaway prices. But we've still got hundreds left – SO AS A LAST DITCH EFFORT WE'RE WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY REASONABLE OFFER ON ALL OUR REMAINING HIGH QUALITY DESIGNER FURS – AND THAT REALLY IS AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE!

OPEN SUNDAY For Konrad Furs Club Members. Join for 10p when you arrive and enjoy extra advantages e.g. extra 2% discount on all purchases. Written details of other benefits available. MON-SAT 9.30AM - 5.30PM
SUN, MARCH 29TH 11.30AM - 6.30PM

Closing Sunday, 6.30PM

No Reasonable offer refused!

SOME EXAMPLES OF OUR PRICES	Previous Retail Price	Previous Bargain Price	CLOSING PRICE
FUR LINED RAINCOATS	£1,980	£199	£99
FOX JACKETS	£1,350	£295	£135
MINK JACKETS	£1,695	£275	£169
BLUE FOX THREE QUARTERS	£1,899	£499	£295
STRANDED RACCOON JACKETS	£2,995	£499	£399
BLUE FOX COATS	£3,995	£499	£389
MINK COATS	£3,250	£495	£399
STRANDED RACCOON COATS	£4,700	£1,395	£795
SILVER FOX COATS	£3,500	£995	£795
STRANDED SAGA FEMALE MINK COATS	£10,950	£2,995	£1,995

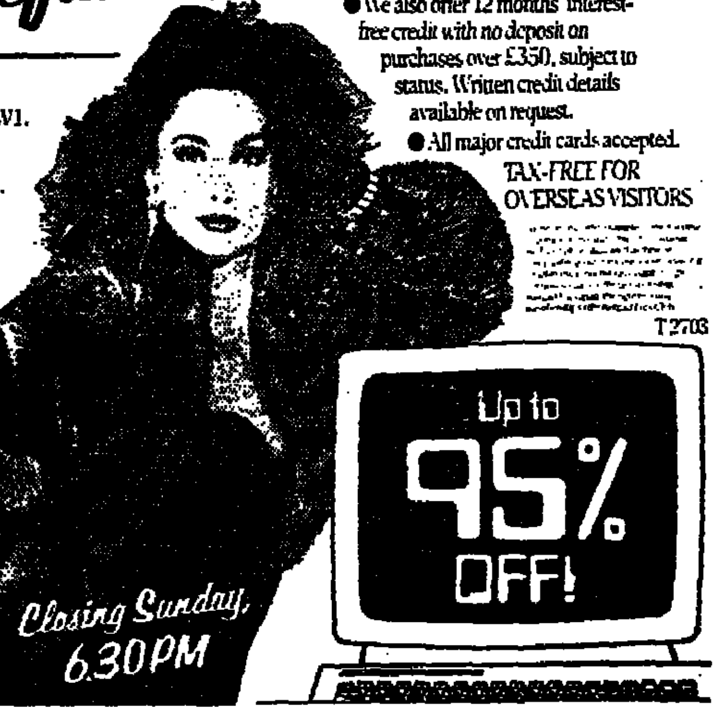
● We also offer 12 months' interest-free credit with no deposit on purchases over £350, subject to status. Written credit details available on request.
● All major credit cards accepted.
TAX-FREE FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS

[illegible]

T2703

KONRAD FURS
42 Sloane Street,
Knightsbridge, London SW1.
Tel. 01-235 2929.
KONRAD FURS
61 Piccadilly, London W1.
Tel. 01-491 1901.

Konrad Furs



هكذا من الأصل

THE TIMES DIARY

For Ritchie read Reggie

When a legend becomes the truth, a paper should print the legend, but the time has come to lay to rest a story about the soul singer Lionel Ritchie. It tells how a little old lady on her first visit to a big American city, nervous of its reputation for crime, enters a lift and is joined by a large coloured gentleman with a big black dog. When he shouts "Down!", the aged person hits the deck. Her fellow traveller is convulsed with mirth for he is talking to the dog. Later she finds her bill has been paid – by Lionel Ritchie "in thanks for the best laugh I've had all year". To date the tale has appeared in *The Observer*, *New Society*, *Woman* and *Blues & Soul* in this country, but I have unearthed a fine oral tradition for it stretching from New York and Johannesburg to Ireland. Yesterday, unable to talk to Ritchie, I spoke to Paul Smith, a published chronicler of urban myths. The story originated 10 years ago about a baseball player called Reggie Jackson: and it wasn't true even then.

● **The Prince and Princess of Wales are to join spectators at a cricket match between Glamorgan and Gloucestershire in Cardiff in July. The result is certain to enjoy royal approval: Charles is Glamorgan's patron; Diana is Gloucestershire's.**

Non persons

The red carpet treatment offered to Mrs Thatcher on her Soviet trip evidently does not extend to her accompanying journalists. Downing Street tells me it submitted some 150 names to the Russian Embassy for visas: yesterday, with just two days to go, some had yet to be issued. Among those still waiting is the representative of the *Jewish Chronicle*. Yohanan Lahav, of *Yedioth Ahronoth* and Saul Zadka, of *Haretz*, both fear their applications may be denied for political reasons. Zadka tells me: "Israelis are being deprived of their right to act as journalists."

Calling all cars

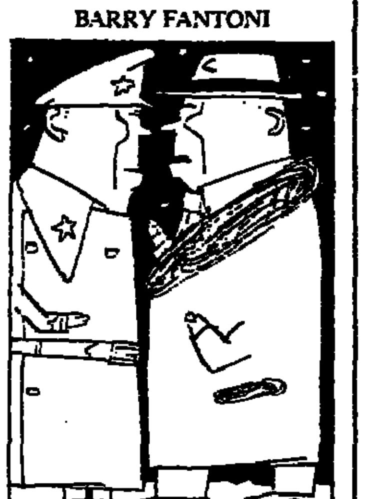
The Yorkshire police officers who tore after a Jaguar as it sped down a motorway early one morning recently could never have guessed who they were about to nab. When the car finally pulled over and the traffic cops tapped against the driver's window pane, his identity was revealed as the chauffeur of West Yorkshire's chief constable, Colin Sampson. Yesterday the force said that Sampson's hapless driver had been let off with a caution.

● **The same force has decided to abandon its experiment of labelling patrol cars in mirror writing. Yorkshiremen, apparently, could not work out what "eciloP" meant.**

Sidestep

Fifty-five Ethiopian dancers appear to be on on the run from a *Dutch hotel owner*. Ger Cok claims the dance troupe, Adei Abeba, who are touring Europe as a thank-you for aid donations, stayed for four days in his hotel in Amsterdam only to disappear leaving unpaid a £6,000 bill. Cok flew to London to trace the tour's organizer. Kassa Kebede, Ethiopia's Swiss envoy, and eventually found him with the dancers at a YMCA. "He treated me like a dog," he says, "so I am taking the case to court." Cok has now called Prince Selassie, the grandson of Haile Selassie, in Washington, to complain of his treatment.

BARRY FANTONI



'Surely we should be meeting Steel and Owen?'

Salvage op

The English Speaking Union will not after all be moving from its *Dartmouth House headquarters* in Mayfair, I discover. The union took the decision two years ago to sell its Georgian HQ, then valued at £12 million. Now it has decided that the building, its home since 1927, is too much part of its *history to lose and has* launched a £750,000 fund-raising campaign. Yesterday's appointment of Rear Admiral Richard Heaslip as ESU's director-general, means there will soon be two Navy men *in situ*. Its house manager, Ray Halls, a former RN petty-officer, has the task of making the peeling interior ship-shape in time for Heaslip's arrival in June and Caspar Weinberger's two days later – Weinberger is being invited to the ESU celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

PHS

Mrs Thatcher's role in Russia

by Bryan Gould

Today Neil Kinnock meets President Reagan in Washington, a meeting that provides an opportunity for British involvement in real progress towards a nuclear *arms* agreement. The talks will cover a number of crucial international and economic issues, but will be dominated by discussions of what each side wants to see coming from the Geneva talks.

Mr Kinnock will make it clear *that the* Labour party is wholeheartedly committed to a successful Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) agreement, and that such an outcome would enhance the unity of Nato. Equally firm will be his assurance that a Labour government would not jeopardize these negotiations or distract from the main goal: that of a joint agreement at Geneva. On that, his commitment *will be absolute*.

This in no way diminishes Labour's concern to see the removal of cruise missiles from Britain and Europe, but this is what a joint agreement in Geneva would help to achieve.

Labour's concern is that Mrs Thatcher does not appear to be interested in mutual disarmament; indeed, all the evidence suggests that her view is at variance with that of the US *government, the Soviet* government and the British people. Her support for America's Strategic Defence Initiative has been superseded by desperate efforts to distract Reagan from progress after Reykjavik. As soon as the *Iceland summit* was over Mrs Thatcher went to Washington to ensure that Reagan would not stop the development of Trident.

Mrs Thatcher is clearly more concerned with retaining the virility symbol of Trident than with encouraging disarmament negotiations. Had she flown the Atlantic to urge the American president to look for ways of building on Reykjavik, she would have been widely applauded. But that was never her intention.

Meanwhile, the international scene has moved on, with Washington and Moscow showing increasing flexibility. The US now supports the "zero-zero option" first proposed by Michael Foot and Denis Healey in Moscow in 1981. At Reykjavik the Soviet Union also seemed enthusiastic, *until American* refusal to halt development of SDI ended the talks and the Soviet negotiators decided to link SDI with the talks on an INF treaty.

Mikhail Gorbachov has now withdrawn this stipulation. As a result there *is growing optimism*, worldwide, that the talks in Geneva can move forward. Kinnock will encourage Reagan to continue to act positively and in line with the welcome he has given to Gorbachov's latest decision.

We *shall* be watching closely to see whether Mrs Thatcher approaches her Moscow talks in the same positive spirit. But her rhetoric over the past eight years has been consistently unhelpful. Her visit to Moscow gives her the *chance to be more constructive*.

There are a number of proposals that Mrs Thatcher should make if she really wants progress. She must first express the strongest possible support for an INF treaty, to be achieved as soon as possible. And she must make it clear that Britain will do everything to bring *this about*.

She must speak out strongly for the aim of a 50 per cent reduction in strategic arms over the next five years, as accepted by both sides at Reykjavik, and she must make it clear that, following such an *agreement, she would, if still in* office, scrap Trident. She must realize the futility of retaining an "independent" deterrent in a climate of disarmament.

Mrs Thatcher should also propose a halt to nuclear tests *between Britain and the Soviet* Union as part of the progress towards a comprehensive test ban treaty, and lastly she should confirm Britain's determination to maintain and honour the ABM treaty and she should announce her opposition to a nuclear arms race in space.

If Mrs Thatcher were to pursue this course, she would have the support of most British people. And she would find that her actions would receive a genuine welcome from the Labour party.

The author is the Labour Party campaigns co-ordinator.

Andrew McEwen on the roots of the new row over Japanese barriers

The yen stops here

The sabre that the Prime Minister rattled in Japanese ears yesterday caused considerable surprise in Whitehall and beyond. She implied *in* the Commons that *the* Government might use against Japan the power it has to keep out foreign banks, as a weapon in an unrelated dispute with Tokyo involving Cable and Wireless.

Mrs Thatcher has taken a lead in defending the company's right to compete for a vast Japanese telecommunications contract. There is government concern that Cable and Wireless, one of its privatization successes, will be prevented from bidding from *more* than a token amount of the work. But in view of international regulations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) and the Treaty of Rome, Britain's freedom to retaliate against Japan's restrictions is severely limited.

Mrs Thatcher suggested that Britain could strike back by using powers under the Financial Services Act, *which* are not subject to international treaties. It could refuse to grant licences to Japanese finance houses wishing to open shop *in this* country.

The immediate reaction from some Whitehall quarters was that such a link appeared to fly in the face of previous government policy on trade matters. Until now it has been a defender of broad free trade principles and reluctant to reply in kind to those who break them.

The Prime Minister's implied *threat followed an even more* surprising suggestion from Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, on Wednesday. He left the Commons with the impression that Britain might go beyond international law in defence of Cable and Wireless.

His message to the House was that feelings were running so high that some action could become inevitable, despite the severe restraints *under the rules of Gatt* and other arrangements.

The Trade Department was quick to explain yesterday that this was intended as a shot across Tokyo's bows, an implied threat that was far from being put into effect. It *might well strengthen* the hand of Michael Howard, the consumer affairs minister, who is to visit Japan soon to air British complaints. *While his talks will focus* on persuading the Japanese to open their financial services markets to British dealers, he is also expected to express Britain's frustration over the Cable and Wireless issue.

Clark was careful to say in the Commons that of course Britain would have to have the EEC and the United States on its side before stepping outside its treaty obligations.

While all in favour of good honest pressure, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have until now shown deep reluctance to sanction tactics of this sort. Both are well aware that a nation dependent on trade can ill-afford to restrict it. Second, 15 years of patient effort to prise open Japan's markets could be undone at a stroke.

Until the end of the 1960s Japan was virtually barred to British business; only endless badgering has slowly persuaded it to change. Last year British exports to Japan amounted to £1.2 billion, and while the balance remains heavily in Japan's favour the consensus among expert sources is that *further patient persistence* will be rewarded.

One expert pointed out that 10 years ago most British firms trying to export to Japan would have complained of hidden barriers. Today large numbers have broken through and are quietly making profits; the key word being quietly. Because little is heard of the successes, those still shut out convey an exaggerated impression.

Despite Mrs Thatcher's remarks yesterday Whitehall sources in *several departments* agree *that* reports suggesting that the Government was considering expelling a Japanese bank, limiting Japanese air services, or slapping quotas on Japanese cars were greatly exaggerated.

It was in response to a backbencher's suggestion that he should use it to stop new Japanese finance houses opening that Mr Clark made the remarks that strayed into the Gatt minefield. A hundred MPs have signed a Commons motion calling for *reprisals of this nature. The Trade* Department sees this as an ace in the sleeve for Howard's campaign but one that he need not flourish *verbally. "The threat is implicit in* the Financial Services Act," one official pointed out.

The emotive power of the Cable and Wireless issue has taken months to reach its present pitch. Its origin lies in fierce international competition to bid for Japan's proposed second international telecommunications licence. Two big consortia are leading the field, and one of them is International Digital Communications, in which the leading partners are Cable and Wireless and C. Itoh, which is Japanese. Both are putting in 20 per cent of initial capital, with Toyota providing a further 10 per cent. The rival consortium, International Telecommunications Japan, is dominated by big Japanese trading houses.

Fumio Watanabe, a Japanese businessman, was appointed to try to unify the two consortia. Last week he announced that the leading Japanese partners had agreed to merge, and that Cable and Wireless would have only 3 per cent instead of 20 per cent in the new grouping. But Cable and Wireless refused to accept these terms, and held a 3 per cent share could not be considered a serious investment.

While the government has not been officially informed of these plans, there is dismay in all the departments concerned. A Trade Department official spoke of "extreme concern" and the Foreign Office was little more sanguine.

What is at stake is not just a vast investment – around $1 billion over 10 years by the successful consortium – but an extremely important link in an international communications chain. Cable and Wireless, together with American and Japanese partners, is attempting to establish a global digital infrastructure connecting the leading economic and financial centres of New York, London, Tokyo and Hong Kong. Part of that vast undertaking involves the laying of a 5,000-mile-long fibre-optic cable from the west coast of America to *Japan by late 1989, with a capacity* of up to 60,000 simultaneous telephone calls.

Cable and Wireless's global ambitions may well have strengthened the determination of Shunjiro Karasawa, Japan's minister for posts and telecommunications, to allow it no more than a token stake in Japan's project. Last November he told Paul Channon, the Trade Secretary, that as no other leading industrial country had opened its telecommunications market to outsiders, *he saw no reason to take* a lead. This appeared to fly in the face of repeated Japanese assurances of willingness to open its markets to counter its domination of Western sales of televisions, video-recorders, tape recorders and radios and its vast penetration of car markets.

Mrs Thatcher wrote to Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, recently expressing the hope that Japan would give Cable and Wireless fair consideration. She has yet to receive a clear yes or no.

David Butler on election results that have undermined the Gandhi supremacy

Rajiv without the romance

This has been a bad week for Rajiv Gandhi. He went to watch India's much-vaunted satellite explode on take-off. His cricket-loving people endured humiliation from Pakistan in the one-day series. He got more deeply involved in a constitutional row. And he received a heavy snub from the electorate.

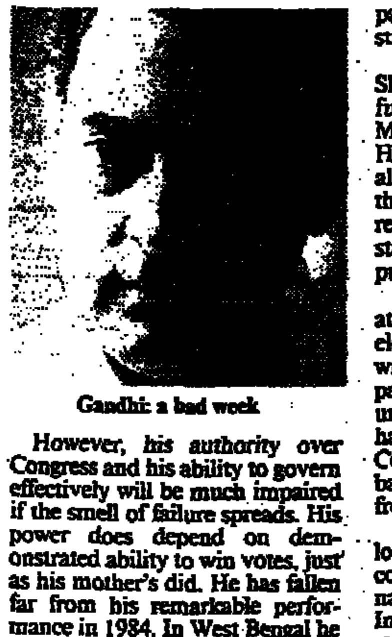
Last Monday *the subcontinent* had a mid-term mini-election – the biggest test of public opinion likely before Gandhi has to go to the country *late in 1989*. Voters, a thousand miles apart in Kerala, Kashmir and West Bengal, were choosing state assemblies. Local issues were at stake but, initially, the outcome was seen as a judgement on the prime minister and *his* style of government. And the judgement was unfavourable.

In West Bengal, the second *largest state, the very conservative* Communist Party of India Marxist (CPIM) was again easily re-elected – never in history has Congress lost any state three times in a row, as has happened here. In Kerala, the first state ever to vote a *communist* party into power and to vote it out, the tarnished local Congress ministry – the last in south India – lost to the Left *Democratic Front, the CPIM-led* coalition.

In Jammu and Kashmir, Farooq Abdullah, leader of the moderate, regionally-based National Conference party (founded by his father, the legendary Lion of Kashmir, Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah) formed a liaison with the Congress Party to ward off small fundamentalist Muslim and Hindu separatist parties. However, Farooq will be the dominant figure in the new ministry. Only in some scattered by-elections elsewhere in India could the Congress find a modicum of comfort.

What does all this mean for Rajiv Gandhi? In recent months he has seemed at times to behave like his mother at her worst, dismissing or transferring able advisers, speaking and acting with ill-judged haste. He has just *become involved in a gratuitous* row over his alleged slighting of the Indian president and his office. In two years the attitude of the gossipy middle-class of Delhi has been transformed from adulation to dismay.

That is not to say that his position is in danger. He is still supported by the overwhelming parliamentary majority that he won in that plebiscitary election, just after his mother's assassination in 1984. There is no alternative in the opposition, with its many parties, endlessly quarrelling and totally lacking in charismatic national leaders or coherent *national policies. And there is no* alternative within the Congress machine, that lumbering pervasive coalition of local baronies that depends upon Gandhi and his control of Delhi's patronage.



Gandhi: a bad week

However, his authority over Congress and his ability to govern effectively will be much impaired if the smell of failure spreads. His power does depend on demonstrated ability to win votes, just as his mother's did. He has fallen far from his remarkable performance in 1984. In West Bengal he rashly put his prestige behind ousting the well-loved communist *chief minister, Jyoti Basu. He* campaigned throughout the state in a way no prime minister has ever done in an assembly election. He may have put some heart into an inept and faction-ridden Congress machine, but he failed to gain them many seats.

The loss of Kerala, reverting from Congress to communist for the third time in 30 years, was a heavy blow. Gandhi will not find much comfort in the fact that the outcome was seen as a victory for secularism, since the communists for the first time were self-*righteously campaigning against* the religious and communal coalition of Christian and Muslim parties that the local Congress had stitched together.

Kashmir too saw the triumph of Sheikh Farooq's moderation over *fundamentalist*, pro-Pakistan Muslim zealotry. The fear that the Hindus in Jammu would be alienated by Gandhi's accord with the *Abdullah family* were not realized. But this was the only state result that could please the prime minister.

There is no plausible alternative at the centre. But, as so many state elections have shown, Indians will willingly turn to a state-based party. This week two very unfrightening communist parties have been elected to office and Congress now rules only in the band of Hindi-speaking states from Bombay to Bihar.

The communist victories were local affairs, a choice of the less corrupt or incompetent local alternative and not a comment on India's position in the East-West struggle. They will not mean worse government in Kerala or West Bengal, but they may mean weaker government in Delhi. And that will not be good for India or for the world.

David Butler is a Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.

David Watt

Propaganda's proper place

While the great political armies have been manoeuvring themselves ponderously into position for the "big push" an instructive little side-show has been in progress on the Whitehall front, where Dr David Owen has been bombarding Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, almost daily with examples of what he believes is the improper use of official publications as vehicles for Conservative election propaganda. For good measure *he* has been copying this correspondence to the civil service heads of all the main Whitehall departments, in the hope of shaming them into what he claims is their proper task – namely curbing *rather than abetting their political* masters' misuse of taxpayers' money.

For almost a month there was no answering fire from the direction of the government trenches. But suddenly, last week, they opened up with their biggest gun. The Prime Minister herself replied but in what was, for her, a remarkably defensive tone. She *gets off a couple* of small bursts of shrapnel, but mainly confines herself to saying, in effect, that she supports the established conventions and believes they *should* be implemented.

Has Dr Owen got a point, then? Yes and no. The conventions, which are quite elaborate (and have been published), state that goverments may use public funds *to explain their* policies and inform the public of their rights and liabilities in relation to government services, but they must not finance publicity for party purposes. A key injunction is that this rule applies not only to decisions about what is or is not to be published, but also to its content ("relevant to direct government responsibilities"), *style ("not party political")* and distribution (no material on politically controversial issues to reach the public unsolicited unless it "clearly and directly" affects their interests).

Judged strictly by these standards *some of the stuff that* Dr Owen is complaining about looks very near the borderline and probably over it. How on earth, for example, could the DHSS claim that they weren't circulating party political material at public expense when they sent all health authorities a copy of Norman Fowler's speech on the health service at last year's Conservative *conference? On the other hand, if* the Ministry of Agriculture, in its wisdom, suddenly pushes out a mass of glossy material showing what farmers are entitled to under rural enterprise schemes, who can ever prove that has anything to do with the prospects of the Conservative Party in the shires?

Dr Owen's answer, of course, is that the civil servants could prove *it if they wished – and stop it as* well. The fact that they don't always do so is, to his mind, another piece of evidence that they are being they turned into zombies by Mrs Thatcher.

Is he right? Here again we are in a very grey area. On the narrow question of whether the Whitehall word factory is any more likely to push out tendentious arguments and documents for its *political* masters under this government than under any other he is on to a point that is very hard to establish clearly. It is in the nature of the bureaucrat, as of the barrister, to present his client's case in the best light, and the truth is that every government since the early 1960s has benefitted from the machine's *willingness to* cut a few intellectual and administrative corners in favour of the incumbents.

And yet there is another sense in which Dr Owen is right. If "politicization" means that the polarization of British politics and *Mrs Thatcher's* fierce-willed approach to administration have undermined the Civil Service's post-war role as the stabilizing flywheel of the *constitutional* machine, then that is undoubtedly true. If one asked, say, Sir William Armstrong, the head of the Civil Service under Edward Heath, what he saw as his function he would dutifully reply that he was the servant of ministers, but it was quite clear that he regarded himself as more than that. He also, I think, saw civil servants as guardians, *as preservers* of continuity, and as having a duty to save the politicians from themselves.

When Dr Owen wrote to Sir Robert Armstrong in the publicity controversy that ministers ought to be "curbed by an independent Civil Service as guardians of the taxpayers' purse" he was appealing to this self-confident consciousness of a certain supra-*political* virtue. But it *is* no longer there. The present generation of permanent secretaries have been frightened out of it by a prime minister to whom it is all anathema. She loathes and distrusts what she undoubtedly regards as upstart pretensions of a mandarin class, and wishes to reduce them once more to the role of obedient executants of the political will. In the only serious flash of temper in her letter to Dr Owen she writes: "The role of the Civil Service in relation to ministers can by no stretch of the imagination be regarded as accurately or adequately described by your phrase."

There is an entertaining double paradox here. The first joke is that in office Dr Owen's instinctive attitude to the Civil Service was not unlike Mrs Thatcher's. He is no lover of pretentious mandarins and if he is ever prime minister he *will tend to be as rough on them* as she is. The *other*, and more interesting, oddity is that the advance of the Alliance is the factor most likely to restore the Civil Service to its custodial role. A coalition government would depend crucially from its very inception on the ability of a non-partisan bureaucracy to ease compromise and the permanent voice of the public interest. The strangely subdued tone of Mrs Thatcher's letter probably reflects in an obscure way the fact that the club of *permanent* secretaries who will have effectively drafted it are aware of this possibility, and not unnaturally welcome it.

Joseph Connolly

A day return to dementia

There is only one thing worse than being in a *public* place and encountering one of those muttering and scowling nutters rambling on and on to himself, and that is *when he is* rambling on and on to *you*. Of course, there are established procedures to follow at such vexing moments, most of which come down to either catching the collusive and sympathetic eye of someone comparatively sane, or else walking slap bang into a lamp-post in one's effort not to be seen *looking*. But what do you do when you are trapped on the top deck of a bus?

I was sitting at the back of a No 13 in Oxford Street the other day, puffing on a pipe and observing from my lordly *eminence that* while most women colour their hair, the majority of men have very little of it. Suddenly, I was *aware of being stared* at by a *lady* of indeterminate age, her face aglow like a Cox's pippin, and clearly on the verge of making sounds. I subjected the little chromium wind-up window mechanism to a scrutiny quite unprecedented while *willing* the looming horror to go away. There was only one other person on the top deck – a man – and he was miles away up at the front.

"Don't talk to me about Norman Tebbit!" she rasped.

The clever way they got those windows to open and shut was really very compelling.

"I came through the war," she went on. "Somme, Falklands, Waterloo." She reflected a bit. "Muswell Hill," she tacked on, prior to strumming her lips. "Of course, some of them don't know they're born. It's always the same. I was a bit of an artist myself, one *time. Lead in the petrol*. Do you know D.H. Lawrence?"

And sucked in as I knew I would be, I found myself mumbling no, hadn't had that particular pleasure, actually, matter of fact.

"*Lovely* man," the lady crooned, her face *splitting into* fondness. "I'm on my way to see him now – why don't you come along?"

"Ah, very kind," I said. "Any other time."

The woman's face narrowed *into fury*.

"Christmas is just a commercialized racket, these days!" she pronounced, and there I was nodding like a jackass, never more grateful in my life to hear the jangle of the conductress on the stairs.

"I can't change *that*," the conductress clipped, eyeing my five-pound note as if it were a leper's limb.

I swallowed hard before asking my fellow passenger:

"Excuse me, do you have any change?"

Her face grappled with the concept.

"Change? Change? Yes, I have *change*, yes. Yes."

Whereupon she didn't move a muscle.

"Well all I know is I can't change *that*," parroted the conductress, and she clanked back downstairs in a huff.

Then the man at the *front of the* bus lumbered along, changed the fiver, nudged my elbow, and winked.

"Thinks she's off to visit D.H. Lawrence!" he scoffed. "Dear oh dear!"

I sort of smiled and sort of didn't. The lady glowered, and half rose.

"She'll get a shock when she gets *there!*" the oaf boomed on.

"Why?!" she shrieked. "Why?! Just you tell me *why?!*"

"I'll tell you why!" the man roared back, and I said look, why don't we all – and they both screamed "shut up!"; I said OK.

"I'll *tell* you *why*, you mad old bat – because he's not *in!* Gone out – that's bloody *why!*"

The lady's face collapsed.

"Not . . . not in? But he *said* he'd be in. Promised."

The man pared a fingernail, and shrugged.

"I've just come back from there – nobody. That's the size of it. Come on, Lil – let's shove off back home. We'll try again tomorrow."

I was alone on the top deck, rain coating the windows like Vaseline. I shouldn't have batted an eyelid if the bus had taken flight and dumped me on the moon.

هكذ زمن الإمل

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone: 01-481 4100

THE QUEST FOR THE BEST

It is a brave academic who who cavils at his brother's share of the public purse. At a time when the research community can feel a rare tide of public opinion in its favour, it may seem particularly foolhardy for the Warden of Keble College, Oxford, to argue that more than half of Britain's universities should be stripped of their automatic right to research funding and become instead institutions primarily for the teaching of students.

Yet Mr Christopher Ball's speech to the Royal Society of Arts on Wednesday night was more than brave. It was right too. In the intensifying debate about how Britain should face the industrial future, it is vital that the voices of those who must win the technology war are not drowned by the demands of those (however worthy) who want to spend the spoils of victory in advance.

Mr Ball's thesis is a simple one. He argues that the universities' current system of dual funding (from the research councils and directly from the state) has become a mere status symbol. They have clung to it so tenaciously, he says, because otherwise they would cease to be universities at all — would, indeed, become indistinguishable from polytechnics, apparently a fate worse than death.

The sum of £300 million a year could be transferred from duplicated and indifferent research in universities to research councils which would have a direct responsibility to see that only the best received the cash. The universities would still be entitled to apply for the lost money, just as they do for specific projects now. So would the polytechnics. Let the most excellent centres win.

It will be quickly pointed out that Mr Ball, as well as being the Warden of Keble, is the chairman of the National Advisory Board for Public Sector Higher Education, the body responsible for advising the Government on the direction and funding of polytechnics and local authority colleges. As such he is a far from disinterested party. That does not, however, diminish the force of what he had to say.

Britain certainly needs to spend more on productive research, but the argument for finding the money is never an easy one to win. It is never easy to convince sceptical Treasury ministers or company chairmen that a new chair of metallurgy or semiconducter technology is the key to the future. They need to be persuaded that scarce resources can be properly targeted, not that all targets will necessarily be hit, but that an efficient system of aiming is at least in place.

Why, they might ask, should research be funded across the board at these 12 universities: Hull, Dundee, City, Bradford, Strathclyde, Bangor, Keele, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Liverpool, Brunel and Swansea? They all had the quality of their research assessed last June by the University Grants Committee as being below average in at least 10 subject areas.

Between them, the 12 receive an annual grant of £200 million, some 35 per cent of which is traditionally assumed to be for research, though nobody is quite sure. That, for a start, would save £70 million a year for redistribution to where it might be more profitably employed. True, four of the 12 (Dundee, Aberdeen, Cardiff and Liverpool) also had their research in one or more subject areas rated as "outstanding": they could apply for support to the relevant research council whose number and scope would have, in consequence, to be increased.

The University Grants Commission has currently, however, nothing so drastic in mind. It has made some marginal adjustments in distribution and withheld about 15 per cent of the total grant, for which universities will now have to submit separate bids. But that is only a small step down a long and urgently beckoning road.

It is time that universities earned their entitlement to research funding. They will not do it either by insisting on some mystical necessary connection between research and teaching or by claiming that without automatic funding bright ideas will never get off the floor. They must instead accept the simple fact that concentrating scarce resources in centres of excellence is the only way to dig ourselves out of the pit into which we have been slipping for so long.

NEW ROGUES IN THE CITY

Over the next three weeks, opinion polls will be published at a rate of at least two a week. And that is counting only those conducted by the major polling organisations who subscribe to the most reputable methods available. Each small shift, whether statistically significant or not, seems to be capable of moving the financial markets.

It is a rumour-monger's delight. Over the last two days the movement has mostly been downwards, in the wake of two polls which suggested that with the Alliance and Labour parties running neck and neck, the Conservatives might not be re-elected with an overall majority.

To some extent these market impulses are self-sustaining and self-accelerating. The slightest excuse provided by the most methodologically suspect poll starts a market reaction which itself encourages others. Those at the end of the chain reaction may neither know nor care about the latest political indicators but be acting simply to protect themselves against a price movement.

Since "rogue" polls will always attract more attention (whether they are conducted by real rogues or are mere aberrations from the sounder trends), the market helps to create a Gresham's law of polls. Sound information on long-term trends is driven out by the unusual or meretricious.

What are the long-term trends which the markets, not to mention the political pundits, might do better to remember? First, centre party votes (and declarations of voting intention) are, to use the pollsters' jargon, "soft". Their level of commitment is not as high as it can be for the other two parties.

An Alliance poll rating that shoots up by 10 points in a few weeks, can also be driven down by an ensuing period in which the news is not continuously good — as it has been for the SDP and the Liberals since the beginning of the Greenwich by-election campaign. None of this means that the Alliance vote cannot be hardened in the long term. But it is a gradual process, and much slower than the rapid ratings gains of past weeks.

Second, evidence is accumulating that voters intend to behave differently in the pivotal marginal constituencies, numbering about a hundred. The polls which have suggested this so far have also found that the difference is in favour of the Conservatives. One poll conducted for *The Times* in February opened up the possibility that the government could win an overall majority if its poll ratings were, nationally, level with Labour's. Its lead would come entirely from the marginals.

The third factor of crucial importance is also the hardest to read. It is an imponderable which could upset every prediction and every trend. *The tactical voter is preceded by the tactical poll respondent. The electorate of the 1980s is* increasingly volatile and at the moment there is no voter more ready to move than the voter floating somewhere on the territory belonging to the Tory left, the Alliance and the Labour right.

A series of polls showing the Alliance in front of Labour could turn that party into the major force it has not been before, by dislodging fresh recruits from both the other parties. Equally, some of the volatility can be discounted as impulse choices which will be abandoned at the end of the campaign.

Tactical voting in a three-way contest is a very new phenomenon in British politics. The past offers little guidance on what may happen when the election is actually called. Traders in sensitive stocks and currencies could do much worse than concentrate their attention on the surveys which add to the stock of public knowledge about how tactical voting might work.

THE STILL HIGH PRICE OF LEGAL AID

There was general recognition, even before the Government's efficiency unit published its catalogue of waste and restricted practices last summer, that the Legal Aid scheme needed urgent revision. The service, set up in 1950 to ensure that no one was denied justice through lack of means, was a victim of its own success. An ever-increasing number of people sought its protection. A plethora of vested interests had been spawned. The cost to the state — estimated at £400 million in 1986-7 — had more than quadrupled since 1979 and is still accelerating.

The White Paper on reforming legal aid, which was published yesterday, is the Government's considered response to the scrutineers' report. Laudable for its pertinence and brevity, it proposes a new independent board to administer the scheme in place of the Law Society and offers a co-ordinated approach to remedy some of the most resented shortcomings of the present system.

An attempt is made to address specific injustices. By allowing someone who does not qualify for legal aid to contest the granting of aid to the other party in the case, the proposals may help to redress the present disadvantage faced by those who contest an action against someone who is legally assisted. None the less, the disparity between those with legal aid and those without remains. The question of whether 70 per cent of the population — the present estimate of those who qualify for assistance with legal costs — might not be too high a proportion has not been considered.

The White Paper endorses a number of cost-cutting measures. It encourages the extension of fixed charges for certain legal services and extends the Lord Chancellor's control of charges to all areas of legal aid work. It also suggests that solicitors' charges for legal aid work might be lower than for their private work. If the combined effect of these measures is to reduce costs all round and limit delay caused by overzealous legal inquiries, they could have a beneficial effect on costs throughout the legal system and so benefit everyone.

On the other hand — and this will certainly be argued by the solicitors — it could hasten the evolution of a two-tier legal system in which those who are legally aided receive a service which is generally inferior. A no-frills service is one thing; second-class justice quite another. Solicitors should not, however, be able to get away with using the second-class justice argument to cover their fear of lower receipts. Legal charges need to be reduced.

If enacted in full, yesterday's proposals will be a step towards a fairer and more efficient way of disbursing large sums of public money in the cause of justice. But they are only a first step. Some of the more controversial (because they threatened long-standing restrictive practices) suggestions made by the efficiency unit have either been shelved completely or postponed.

One of these was the proposal that certain advisory functions currently carried out by solicitors to be taken over by consumer advice centres. This has been postponed. Another was the recommendation that the right of audience in the Crown Court should be extended to solicitors. It was rejected. The fear must be that this was not prudence, but prevarication.

Most disappointing of all, perhaps, is the estimated saving — which amounts to only two per cent of total current costs. The point here is not that savings should be made for their own sake, but that they are necessary if the increasing demand on legal aid is to be met without costs rising even further. The question is why so potentially radical a change in the administration of the legal system should yield so small a return.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legal dilemma on handicapped girl

From Mrs Diana Brahams

Sir, The Court of Appeal stated (*In re B, a Minor*, Law report, March 17) that parents, or local authorities with the rights of parents, may not validly consent to sterilisation on behalf of a mentally handicapped girl.

Clearly, even if parents had the right to consent to medical treatment on behalf of a mentally handicapped "adult" child — which they do not — they would be unable to consent to a sterilisation operation for contraceptive convenience being performed. The question which needs resolving in the imminent House of Lords hearing is whether indeed *anybody* can consent to treatment on behalf of mentally incapable adults.

In my view there is reason to believe that the High Court has inherent powers of ancient origin which would allow it to do so. These powers arise from the same origins as wardship.

The jurisdiction in wardship originates from the Sovereign's feudal obligation to interfere to protect any person within the jurisdiction who is not fully *sui juris* — that is, capable of exercising his full legal rights on his own behalf — particularly those unable to look after themselves, including infants.

Logically it seems to follow that some inherent powers remain in the court (even though they have long lain dormant) and this jurisdiction should be invoked where necessary in proceedings along the lines of wardship. This power to consent to treatment for incapable adults would fill what appears to be an intolerable gap in the law (stated in the letter of March 21). If there is no such power then clearly Parliament must legislate as soon as possible to remedy the situation.

Another point which arises in *B*'s case is the precise extent of the court's powers in wardship. The Court of Appeal has expressly reserved greater rights of consent than even a wise and caring parent has; does this mean that it has exceeded its own powers in permitting a sterilisation operation which is not therapeutic *per se*?

The most likely answer is that the court has retained all the very considerable powers of the feudal monarch as supreme parent of his subjects, whereas parents' rights, or "interests" as they have sometimes been termed, have been much reduced in recent years.

The whole issue carries with it shades of the Gillick case; section 7 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 makes it an offence to have unlawful sexual intercourse with a *mentally defective woman*. Unlawful means outside marriage. But a mentally defective woman with a mental age of five could not validly consent to marriage even if the opportunity arose, unless consent could be given on her behalf under the inherent powers of the court considered above.

If the court does not have such a power to consent, or if no chance of marriage arises, it appears that a mentally defective woman can never participate in lawful sexual intercourse! Though the law is there to prevent exploitation and would be selectively applied, it does seem to be a little curious in its result. Does it, I wonder, amount to a deprivation of a basic human right?

Yours faithfully,
DIANA BRAHAMS,
5 New Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
March 24.

Offshore havens

From Viscount Stormont

Sir, Mr Hall (March 21) writes to say that any attempt to extend UK company law to the Channel Isles and the Isle of Man would be foiled simply because the islands are self-governing and outside the United Kingdom. He believes that an appeal to the UN would lead to that body granting the islands "full sovereign independence" in the event of British interference.

While an Act of the British Parliament may not generally be recognised as binding by any of the islanders, the authority of the Privy Council is accepted in the Channel Islands. A Labour Government could use Orders in Council to make changes to company, immigration and housing law (which are the props of the islands' present status as "tax havens"). As the members of the islands' governments are officers of the Crown, they would be obliged to execute the Orders of the Queen in Council, just as they have executed others in the past.

As for the UN, any role in a dispute between the islands' and British governments would be limited as the British Government represents the islands' interests in foreign affairs. Even if another UN member was persuaded to take up the case, and if the UN was favourable, any resolution would be a dead letter, as the UN has no means of enforcement if the UK Government disregards it.

The "full sovereign independence" of any state depends upon international recognition and respect of national rights, not "United National" recognition, as the past shows. Independence is not something kept in a barrel in a cellar in New York which may be handed out in spoonfuls at the whim of the UN.

It is doubtful if that body can "grant" independence to islands that are already independent, even if they are in danger of losing it.

Yours faithfully,
STORMONT,
26 Garfield Road, SW11.
March 21.

Out on bail

From Mr Alured Darlington

Sir, The Bail Act says that bail *shall* be granted unless the court has substantial reasons for believing that the defendant *would* commit an offence while on bail or *would* interfere with witnesses, not *could* do so or *might* do so, as stated in your leading article (March 21).

The difference is not just semantic but all important as to the meaning of the Act which clearly sets out a very high test before bail can be refused — ie., that the belief must be beyond speculation. It is only in this context that Judge Lymbery's decision can be assessed.

Yours faithfully,
ALURED DARLINGTON,
Darlington & Parkinson,
(Solicitors),
259 Horn Lane, Acton, W3.
March 23.

From Dr Lindsay Hurst

Sir, The fact that the man recently convicted of the murder of a police constable had been granted bail and was at that time on bail although charged with a previous murder has led to criticism of the judge who granted bail.

Section 34 (unrepealed) of the Mental Health Amendment Act 1982 states that the court granting bail on such a charge shall obtain reports from two medical practitioners, one being a practitioner approved as having special experience in the diagnosis or treatment of mental disorder.

The public should know whether this was done and if so what comments or recommendations the medical practitioners made in their reports to the court.

Yours faithfully,
L. C. HURST,
Moorhaven Hospital,
Bittaford,
Ivybridge, South Devon.
March 20.

From Mr Edward R. F. Deal

Sir, The disclosure after conviction that the murderer of P. C. Blakelock had been on bail at the material time has given rise to much media coverage. With varying degrees of relevance the maxim "innocent until proven guilty" has been frequently cited.

I have not heard any reference, however, to the true *locus standi* of an accused person. After being charged he is, at least, a suspect; after committal for trial he is a suspect against whom there is a good *prima-facie* case of guilt. Depending upon choice of procedures, either the magistrates will have so decided or the defence will have been so satisfied.

The maxim to such extent is, pending jury verdict, accordingly qualified though not superseded; consideration of bail will, or should, be conducted accordingly. I do not think that the Bail Act precludes such consideration.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD R. F. DEAL,
Halfpenny Cottage,
Brent Street, Brent Knoll,
Highbridge, Somerset.
March 21.

Prison sentences

From Mr A. J. Brayshaw

Sir, The dreadful over-crowding in prisons has been used to blame sentencers rather than criminals. But published figures (*The Magistrate*, June, 1982) show that in 30 years recorded serious crime increased five-fold while the prison population rather more than doubled.

In the fifties, serious crime increased by 67 per cent and the prison population rose by 32 per cent. In the sixties, serious crime increased by 96 per cent and the prison population rose by 44 per cent. In the seventies, serious crime increased by 61 per cent and the prison population rose by 8 per cent.

The proportion of indictable offenders sent to immediate imprisonment was almost halved between 1950 and 1970 but the proportion sentenced to imprisonment remained constant because nearly half had their sentences suspended.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. BRAYSHAW (Secretary, The Magistrates Association, 1965-77),
Apple Trees,
Beech Road,
Haselmere, Surrey.

Science teaching

From Dr A. R. Tomkins

Sir, John Clare ("The real science slackers", March 21) says the report by inspectors on science teaching in inner London "explains why so many parents are worried about sending their children to State schools". To State schools in inner London, perhaps, but I don't see why it should impel parents in the rest of the country to reach for their cheque books.

The report applies to inner London only and its clinching point — that the proportion of inner-London children opting for science after the age of 14 is below the national average — implies, indeed, *affirms*, that things are better elsewhere.

Assuming that inner-London children are not congenitally impervious to science, Mr Clare might have asked why science teaching in inner London is, apparently, worse than in other parts of the country. But how dull that would have been compared with using this local issue as yet another stick with which to beat State education in general!

Yours sincerely,
A. R. TOMKINS,
67 The Street, Heatishead,
Norwich, Norfolk.

Byzantine chair abolition fear

From Sir Steven Runciman, CH, FBA, and others

Sir, We are very disturbed to learn that the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages of Oxford University has recommended the abolition of the Bywater and Sotheby Chair of Byzantine and Modern Greek Language and Literature.

This chair, and its "sister", the Koraës Chair, at King's College London, have been the only two permanent posts in the country devoted to a field of study that is not only important in itself, but is also crucial to the understanding of related cultures, Slavonic, Balkan and Middle Eastern. The lively scholarship of previous incumbents of the post, such as R. M. Dawkins, John Mavrogordato and C. A. Trypanis, and especially of its present holder, Cyril Mango, has made the chair internationally important.

It should be a matter of concern that Oxford University, which is so richly provided with relevant library resources and has in the Bodleian Library one of the greatest collections of Greek manuscripts in the world, should consider taking such a step when Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies are flourishing on the Continent and in the USA.

The Bywater and Sotheby endowment pays about half the professor's salary. The contemplated abolition will save only half a post.

Yours faithfully,
STEVEN RUNCIMAN (President, The Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies),
DIMITRI OBOLENSKY,
IHOR ŠEVČENKO,
AVERIL CAMERON,
ANTHONY BRYER
(Secretary, SPBS),
University of Birmingham,
Centre for Byzantine Studies,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham,
West Midlands.
March 21.

Test-tube ruling

From Dr John Finnis

Sir, The Bishop of Birmingham (March 19) is surely right to note how ethical divergences block Christian unity. And he seems right to infer that "gamete inter-fallopian transfer" falls foul of the principle against generating human beings by means other than marital intercourse.

But Rome, with growing weight and depth of explanation, has reaffirmed that principle all this century; the inter-church divergence has been unilateral. In 1948, the Archbishop of Canterbury's commission approved artificial insemination. In 1984, the Church of England Board for Social Responsibility approved insemination by donors — something the 1958 Lambeth Conference had thought inconceivable for Christians.

Early embryos, still insistently protected by Rome after nearly two millennia, go strangely unmentioned in the bishop's letter. Their intentional destruction, by intra-uterine "contraception" and scientific research, was approved in the 1984 board report which he chaired, signed and defended, thus (to say the least) locating Anglican-Catholic unity far over the horizon.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FINNIS,
12 Staverton Road, Oxford.

Keeping Latin safe

From Mrs E. A. Thompson

Sir, As the teacher who helped Mrs Barker's (March 18) son gain his O level in Latin I feel I must write and put the record straight over Latin teaching in Hampshire.

There is a lot of excellent teaching in the county; however, it is mostly based on one school in each town. Winchester's Peter Symonds' College has made valiant efforts over the years to teach pupils from other schools in a "twilight" teaching scheme.

The local Classical Association, based in Southampton, flourishes and there is a teachers' group which is an extension of this. We meet regularly to give each other support and fight the ever-present threat from those who would exterminate us!

Yours faithfully,
E. A. THOMPSON,
Sandy Hollow,
High Street, Shirrell Heath,
Southampton, Hampshire.

Going for a song

From Mr Martin Elliott

Sir, Mr Masters (March 14) rightly asks why there are so few live transmissions or recordings of opera from the Royal Opera House and other British opera companies.

The answer is straightforward. There is currently a little-publicized dispute between professional choral singers (represented by Equity) and the BBC preventing such broadcasts and concerning payments to singers for performances the BBC is not producing itself but wishes to broadcast.

The BBC, when it neither uses its own contracted choir, the BBC Singers, nor produces programmes extremely cheaply by using freelance singers, would rather broadcast an imported programme than pay a fee that reflects the quality and quantity of work that another professional body has gone to the trouble and expense of producing.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN ELLIOTT (Director, The Wren Singers),
10 Barham Close,
Wembley, Middlesex.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 27 1923

Sarah Bernhardt (1845-1923) was born and died in Paris, and in the interval she travelled the world. Daughter of a Dutch Jewess she remained the staunchest of French patriots. At her express wish the room in which her body lay was filled with lilac and roses. Her theatre, the Sarah Bernhardt, was closed until after the funeral

◆

DEATH OF MME BERNHARDT.

FRENCH QUEEN OF TRAGEDY.

A SIXTY YEARS' REIGN.

WORLD TRIUMPHS.

A GREAT CREATIVE ARTIST.

No temperament more histrionic than Mme. Bernhardt's has, perhaps, ever existed. To read her memoirs or biographies, is to live in a whirl of passions and adventures — floods of tears, tornadoes of rage, deathly sickness and incomparable health and energy, deeds of reckless bravado, caprices indescribable and enormous. Her determination and independence of character were always strong; and when they, with her energy, became concentrated on her principal art they established a supremacy which would have been unmistakable even without the aid of her eccentricities. The marvellous voice of gold, that wide range of beautiful movement, queenly, sinuous, terrible, alluring, that intensity of passion and that bewitching sweetness have brought men and women of all degrees — from professional critics to ranchers, from anarchists to kings, from men of pleasure to Puritan ladies — in homage to her feet.

... She loved "the limelight", and time was when she kept it pretty constantly upon her off the stage, whether in her wonderful house (or museum) in the Boulevard Péreire in Paris, on tour over the habitable globe, or in her holiday home at Belle-Ile-en-mer, near Morbihan, in Brittany ...

... In December, 1874, she played Phèdre for the first time. During the first act nervousness drove her into a fault which she had, apparently, picked up from her mother — that of speaking nasally through clenched teeth. As the performance went on she warmed to her work, and played so well that her audience raised no protest when she made nonsense of a line which, of course, they knew, with the rest of the play, by heart. Sarcey declared her superior to Rachel, and thenceforward she was one of the lions of Paris. The exhibition of two specimens of her sculpture in the Salon of the following year made her still more notorious.

This was the period when the Sarah legend began to grow — the legend of the coffin in which she slept (a white satin-lined coffin with the softest of mattresses and the richest of perfumes, and love-letters, bouquets, and so forth stitched into the lining); the legend of wild animals kept for pleasure and decapitated or tortured from curiosity; ... Meanwhile she went on working hard at the Français, and found in Zola a sturdy and generous champion, who did his best to dissipate the clouds of gossip which gathered round her exploits in ballooning, animal training, and the rest of it.

... While St. Petersburg paid £20 for a box to see her, Kieff insulted her and Odessa stoned her in the streets for a Jewess; at Genoa she all but died one night, and started next morning for Basel; in London, on April 4, she committed "the only eccentricity she had not yet perpetrated" by getting married at the Greek Consulate to a member of her company, M. Damala, and whisking him off the same morning to Marseilles, *en route* for Spain. Almost before Paris had got over the shock the pair had separated.

THE LOSS OF A LIMB.

... During the year 1914 an old injury condemned her to lie for eight months on her back with her right leg in plaster of paris. By February, 1915, the indomitable woman could endure it no longer, and demanded an operation. "Operation," in this case, meant nothing less than amputation, and amputated the leg was. It is no exaggeration to say that the event turned the thoughts of many aside from the Great War. Crowned heads sent telegrams of inquiry and condolence; and Mme. Bernhardt, then a woman of 70, was no sooner safely relieved of the offending limb than she began to make plans for future tours and the adaptation of old plays to the new needs.

By the autumn she was back in her own theatre in Paris, playing M. Morand's dramatic war poem *Les Cathédrales*; and when she brought the piece to the London Coliseum in December, London found that, though she must sit in a chair throughout the performance, her power, her fury of energy and her incomparable charm were undiminished ...

By other names

From Mr O. Bullock

Sir, Bernard Levin (March 17) has missed a new development in the quest for euphemisms to avoid "offending" the disabled. The official statements of several candidates in Equity's last council elections demanded more casting of the "differently-abled".

Shall we in due course have to make sure nobody is looking before we help a "differently-sighted" person across a busy road?

Yours faithfully,
OSMUND BULLOCK,
Yvonne Arnaud Theatre,
Guildford, Surrey.
March 18.

هكذا من الأصل

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 20: King Fahd of Saudi Arabia this morning at Buckingham Palace received the Right Hon Roy Hattersley, MP (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), the Right Hon David Steel, MP (Leader of the Liberal Party) and the Right Hon Dr David Owen, MP (Leader of the Social Democratic Party).

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia this afternoon attended a Reception at Speaker's House, Palace of Westminster given by the British-Saudi Arabian Parliamentary Group.

King Fahd was received by the Speaker (the Right Hon Bernard Weatherill, MP) and the Chairman, British-Saudi Arabian Parliamentary Group (Mr Jonathan Aitken, MP).

His Excellency Monsieur Théo Duval was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Haiti to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Hon Douglas McClelland was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commissioner for Australia in London.

Mrs McClelland had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Duke and Duchess of York and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips, were entertained at a Banquet this evening by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia at Claridge's.

The Duchess of Grafton and the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine were in attendance.

The Duchess of York attended the Memorial Service for Sir Robert Cooke which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster today.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited North Humberside today.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received at Humberside Airport this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr R.A. Bethell).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips subsequently opened Tharos Pool, the new Hydrotherapy Pool for physically handicapped children, at the Frederick Holmes School, Inglemire Lane, Hull and was received by the Lord Mayor of Kingston-upon-Hull (Councillor A. Bowd) and the Headmaster (Mr D. Tivey).

Afterwards The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened Hull and East Riding Institute's Beech Holme Court Flats, East Hull.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Institute (Mr D. Davis) and the General Manager (Miss M. Fisher).

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened Morrill Street Health Centre, Holderness Road, East Hull where Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of Yorkshire Regional Health Authority (Mr B. Askew) and the Chairman of Hull Health Authority (Dr N. Varey).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given at St James's Palace to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Geogian Group.

Lady Angela Oswald and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 26: The Prince of Wales, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Brawdy, this morning at Kensington Palace presented The Prince of Wales' Trophy for 1986 to Flight Lieutenant Garry Lennox.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were entertained at a Banquet this evening by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia at Claridge's.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 26: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) today received Lieutenant-Colonel Angus Ramsay on relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion.

Her Royal Highness also received Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Winter on assuming this appointment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 26: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were entertained at a Banquet this evening by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia at Claridge's.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 26: The Duke of Kent today visited the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon and the Hydrographic Surveying Flotilla at Devonport, Devon.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Sir Richard Buckley.

The Duke of Kent was entertained at a Banquet this evening by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia at Claridge's.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon opened The St Mary's Centre, St Mary's Hospital and later, as Patron of the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, opened the Adult Leukaemia and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit.

This evening, Her Royal Highness, President, attended the opening night of *Manon* at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
March 26: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were entertained at a Banquet this evening by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia at Claridge's.

Birthdays today

Mr Julian Amery, MP, 68; Mr D.R.G. Andrews, former chairman, Land-Rover-Leyland group, 54; Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, 61; Mr James Callaghan, MP, 75; Mr R.P. Cohan, artistic director, Contemporary Dance Trust, 62; Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, 60; Sir David Hancock, civil servant, 53; Mr Victor Hochhauser, impresario, 64; Sir Douglas Logan, former principal, London University, 77; Sir Henry Plumb, president, European Parliament (life peer), 62; Mr Mstislav Rostropovich, cellist and conductor, 60; Sir Richard Sharp, civil servant, 72; Miss Sarah Vaughan, singer, 63; Mr Michael York, actor, 45.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J. Begley
and Miss J.G. Keble-White
The engagement is announced between Christopher Joseph, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Henry J. Begley, of Rottingdean, Sussex, and Julia Gaye, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Keble-White, of Burdocks, Wisborough Green, Sussex.

Mr G.J.M. Downes
and Miss D.C. Monckton
The engagement is announced between Gerard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Downes, of Little Marsh House, Beaulieu, Hampshire, and Davina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Monckton, of Horsebrook Hall, Brewood, Stafford.

Mr K.W.B. Gilbert
and Miss M.A. Rees
The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of the late Mr and Mrs Alexander Gilbert, and Ann, daughter of Dr and Mrs St John Rees, of Mathern, Gwent, formerly of Bargoed, Mid Glamorgan.

Mr R.B. Horner
and Miss J.M. Rickards
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr D.S. Horner and Mrs S.M. Horner, of Dial Post, West Sussex, and Julia, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs J.F. Rickards, of Abersoch, North Wales.

Mr P.A. Kelly
and Miss J.M. Foreman
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs D. Kelly, of Whangarei, New Zealand, and Joanna, daughter of Dr E.A. and Dr Mary Foreman, of Foston, Derbyshire and Princess Court, London, W2.

Mr A.G. Knight
and Miss L.G.C. Davidson
The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Knight, of Brixham, Devon, and Lisa, elder daughter of Dr Michael Davidson, of Pencaitland, East Lothian, and the late Mrs Neva Davidson.

Mr T.C. Oldham
and Miss J.K. Gibson
The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Oldham, of Chichester, and Kristin, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Gibson, of Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr C.J. Pye
and Miss C.H. Nicholson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Pye, of Bamford, Derbyshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs I.R. Nicholson, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr C.J. Vickery
and Miss J.A. Thurlow
The engagement is announced between Christopher James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.M. Vickery, of Kenwyn, Truro, and Jane-Ann, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Thurlow, of Sylvester Road, Cambridge.

Mr M.F.H. White
and Miss J.V. Woolley
The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of the late Mr E.R.H. White and of Mrs White, of Heronbank, Berkswell, Coventry, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs K.E. Woolley, of Kemple Cottage, Stonyhurst, Blackburn.

Mr R.C. Wynne-Griffith
and Miss A.L. Christie
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Wynne-Griffith, of Welshpool, Powys, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Christie, of St Brelade, Jersey.

Dr D.C. Zeffman
and Miss N.S. Cutner
The engagement is announced between David Charles, son of Mr and Mrs F. Zeffman, of Mill Hill, London, and Nancy Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Cutner, of Hampstead, London.

Banquet

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were the guests of honour at a banquet given by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia at Claridge's hotel last night.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy attended. Others present included:

Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Prince Abdulaziz bin Fahd Al-Saud, Prince Khalid bin Abdullah bin Abdul Rahman, Mr Hisham Nazer, Mr Abdulaziz Al-Zamil, Mr Faisal Al-Hegelan, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, Mr Mohammed bin Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, Mr Abdul Wahab Al Eissa, Mr Mohammed Al-Suleiman, Lieutenant-General Abdullah Ali Al-Namlah, Mr Mohammed bin Athel, Dr Majid Gadi, Ambassador Mamoun Kabani, Ambassador Hassan Al-Shawwaf, Mr Abdulaziz Al-Mohammed Al-Omrani, Mr Ibrahim Al-Sehaibani, Mr Saud bin Ibrahim.

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Terence Mallinson, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, the High Commissioner for Swaziland and Mrs Mamba, the Ambassadors of Tunisia, Morocco, the Yemen Arab Republic, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Lebanon, Iraq, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Jordan, the Somali Democratic Republic, Sudan, France, Pakistan, Turkey and Indonesia and their ladies.

The Duchess of Grafton, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, Field Marshal Lord and Lady Bramall, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Lady Howe, Sir William Heseltine, Sir Ian Gilmour, MP, and Lady Caroline Gilmour, the Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs Leigh-Pemberton, the Master of the Household and Lady Greening, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Lady Richards, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Sir Adam Thomson, HM Ambassador in Saudi Arabia and Mrs Egerton, the Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Mrs Hervey and Mr Robert and Lady Jane Fellowes.

Marriages

Mr G.L. Geisel
and Miss S.J. Davies
The marriage took place on March 17, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, between Mr Gregory L. Geisel, only son of Mrs Edward N. Marshman, of Point of Americas One, Fort Lauderdale, and Mr J. Geisel, of Phoenix, Arizona, and Miss Jane Davies, younger daughter of Major-General and Mrs Philip Davies, of Hatch House, Upton Lovell, Wiltshire.

Mr L. Whistler
and Mrs C. Dawson
The marriage took place quietly in London on Tuesday, March 24, 1987, between Mr Laurence Whistler and Mrs Carol Dawson (née Groves).

Sale room

When high drama means high prices

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The Age of Romanticism was bringing top prices in Paris on Wednesday with an oil sketch by the romantically named Anne-Louis Girodet de Roucy-Trioson selling for two million francs (estimate 200,000-300,000 francs) or £205,128.

Girodet was David's favourite pupil. Here he sketches in high drama, "La Revolte du Caire", with French soldiers , naked Egyptians and swooning ladies caught in a dense scrum with buildings on fire behind. It is a preparatory sketch in oils on paper for the artist's big Salon painting of 1810.

In the same Couturier sale was a near contemporary painting that struck a peaceful, domestic note, a large group portrait of the family of Johann Burki, a Swiss industrialist. Nine of the family are gathered in the salon, with a pretty daughter at the spinet and much loving care has been expended on painting the texture of their clothes. It is the work of Legrand de Lefrant and made one million francs, or £102,564.

In London yesterday, Phillips sold an Amati violin, known as "The Nightingale", for £55,000 (estimate £35,000-£45,000). It is a good example of the work of Nicolo Amati of Cremona and dates from 1661. The sale of musical instruments secured buoyant prices with a total of £401,258 and only three per cent unsold. A viola by Petrus Joannes Mantegatia, with a label dated 1791, sold for £26,400 (estimate £12,000-£18,000) to an American dealer.

The magic name of Anthony Trollope, the Victorian novelist, turned a big collection of Latin texts, with French translations, into a saleable item at Bloomsbury Book Auctions yesterday. He had 177 volumes of the *Bibliotheque Latine-Francaise* published in 1825-28, which he annotated extensively. Instead of selling for £100-£150, as forcast by the auctioneers, the volumes secured £5,280.

Sotheby's coin sale contained a rare Siculo-Punic tetradrachm decorated with the head of Dido, founder of Carthage. The silver coin dates from around 360 BC and sold for £29,700 (estimate £30,000-£35,000).

Memorial service

Sir Robert Cooke
The Duchess of York attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Robert Cooke held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster.

The Ven Edwin Ward officiated, assisted by Canon James Mansel. The Speaker read the lesson and Lord Charteris of Amisfield gave an address. The Prime Minister was represented by Mr Michael Alison, MP.

The Lord President of the Council and Viscountess Whitelaw, Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel and the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset and Lady Digby attended. Others present included:

Lady Cooke (widow), Mr Patrick Cooke (son), Miss Louise Cooke (daughter), Mr and Mrs Evelyn King (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mr John King (brother-in-law), Mr Tony Dickens, Miss Desirée George, Mr and Mrs George Symington, Mr and Mrs Gordon Tregear, Mr and Mrs Desmond Ward, Mr Ian Philip.

The Marquess of Anglesey, Earl Spencer and Countess Spencer (also representing the British Tourist Authority), the Earl of Lindsay, the Earl of Shelburne, Earl St Aldwyn, Lord Courtenay, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede (Opposition Chief Whip), Lord Harvington, Lord Crawshaw, Lord Molson, Lord Inglewood, Lord Congleton, Baroness Faithfull, Lord Kimball, Lord Elliott of Morpeth, Lord Denham, Lord Tweedsmuir, Baroness Birk (Opposition Front Bench Spokesman for Heritage and Arts), Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, Baroness Vickers, Lord Reigate, Lord Broxbourne, QC, and Lady Broxbourne, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Eden of Winton.

Sir Humphrey Atkins, MP, and Lady Atkins, Mr Patrick Jenkin, MP, Mr Enoch Powell, MP, and Mrs Powell, Mr Francis Pym, MP, the Hon John Silkin, MP, Mr Kenneth Baker (Secretary of State for Education), Mr Walter Harrison, MP, Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, MP, Mr Paul Channon, MP, Sir Edward du Cann, MP, and Lady du Cann, Mrs Bernard Weatherill, Sir Bryant Godman Irvine, Sir Peter Blaker, MP, Mr Nicholas Edwards (Secretary of State for Wales) and Mrs Edwards, Mr Michael Jopling (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Mr Terence Higgins, MP, Mr Tom King, MP.

The Hon Tim Sainsbury, MP, the Hon Alan Clark, MP, and Mrs Clark, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, Sir George Young, MP, Judith Lady Roberts, Sir Brian Warren, Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, Sir Peter Emery, MP, Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, Sir John Stradling Thomas, MP, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, and Lady Finsberg, Sir Victor Goodhew, Sir Nigel and Lady Fisher, Sir Peter Thorne, Sir Anthony Grant, MP, Sir David Sells, Sir Michael Shaw, MP, Sir Henry Marking, Sir Martin Jacomb, Sir Jasper More, Lady (Ronald) Russell, Sir Kenneth Lewis, MP, Sir John Wells, MP, Sir David Price, MP, and Lady Price, Sir William Clark, MP, and Lady Clark, Sir Carol Mather, MP, Lady Riches, Lady Ridsdale, Sir Hector Monro, MP, Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP, Sir Matthew Farrer, Mr Cranley Onslow, MP (chairman, 1922 Committee) and Lady June Onslow.

Mr Michael Colvin, MP (also representing the Minister for the Arts), Commander Michael Saunders Watson (president, Historic Houses Association also representing the trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew) with Mr Terence Empson (director-general of the association); Mr and Mrs Philip Vlasto (also representing the Dorset Group of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens), Professor Brian Morris (National Heritage Memorial Fund) with Mr Charles Kinahan (Northern Ireland branch).

Mrs Hermione Hobhouse (Victorian Society), Mr Bryan Jefferson (representing chief executive, Property Services Agency), Mr Mike Windows (Horfield and Bishopston Unionist Club), Mr J Floyd (also representing Christie's), Mr Ian Beer (Head Master of Harrow School) and Mrs Beer, Mr Robert Linsley (Carlton Club), Mr Eric Koops and Mr Joseph Egerton (Carlton Club Political Committee), Mr Peter Cobb (Commonwealth Parliamentary Association), Mr G J P Browne (Bristol West Conservative Association), Mrs E M Hawley (Primrose League), Mr Michael Dudding (Department of Transport), Mr Peter Cropper (Special Advisor to the Chancellor of the Exchequer), Mr Ronald Box (chairman, Dinosaur Club).

Mr and Mrs C J Boulton, Mr F J Wilkin, Miss Emma Kirkby, Mr D Limon, Mr and Mrs John Loveridge, Mr Michael Medlicott, Mrs Christopher Stockwell, Canon Reginal Askew, Mr Michael Ryle, Mr George Hill, Mrs Stephen Langley, Miss Dorothy Stroud, Miss June Mendoza, Mr Ernie Money, Mr Charles Irving, MP, Mr Ian Gow, MP, Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, Mr Nicholas Baker, MP, Mr Michael Latham, MP, Miss Janet Fookes, MP, Mr Jerry Wiggin, MP, Mr David Crouch, MP, Mr Jim Spicer, MP, Mr Michael Neubert, MP, Mr John Stokes, MP, Mr John Heddle, MP, Mr Michael Grylls, MP, and Mrs Grylls, Mr John Hannam, MP, and Mr Tim Rathbone, MP.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron, performs the naming ceremony for a new yacht for the Royal Engineers Yacht Club, at Chatham, Kent, at 1.00, and, as Colonel-in-Chief, visits the Intelligence Corps Centre, at Ashford at 3.40.

The Princess of Wales, President of Dr Barnardo's, attends a centenary concert in aid of the charity, at St David's Hall, Cardiff, at 6.55.

Princess Margaret visits the Slough College of Higher Education and presents the awards at a ceremony to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college, at 12.15.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, launches the Prince Michael Awards for Road Safety at Plaisterers' Hall at 10.30

Old Cliftonian Society

A commemoration ball to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Clifton College will be held on the Close on Saturday, May 23. For further information please write to The Ball Secretary, 32 College Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3JH.

Lord Irvine of Lairg

The life barony conferred on Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Irvine of Lairg, of Lairg in the District of Sutherland.

Glaxo Science Writers Fellowships

An awards luncheon was held in Ironmongers' Hall on Thursday for the presentation by Mr Paul Girolami, Chairman, Glaxo Holdings, of the Glaxo Science Writers Fellowships for 1986.

The awards, made in collaboration with the Association of British Science Writers and worth £1,250 for each of four categories, went to Mr John Webb (Central Office of Information), Mr. Roger Milne (*New Scientist*) shared with Dr Tom Wilkie (*The Independent*), Mr Jonathan Palfreman (BBC TV Science and Features) and Dr Alexandra Wyke (*The Economist*).

Highly Commended awards were made to Mr Tony Osman (*The Sunday Times*), Miss Caroline Richmond (student at University College London), and Mr Julian Brown and Mr Alun Lewis (BBC Radio).

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach to succeed General Sir Peter Hunt as Chairman of Council, King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers.

Mr Anthony John Lane to be Deputy Director General of Fair Trading.

Mr Ken Jameson to be head of the Offshore Energy Technology Board's subsea group, in succession to the late Mr Matt Linning.

OBITUARY

SIR WILLIAM GORELL BARNES

Personal assistant to Mr Attlee

Sir William Gorell Barnes, KCMG, one of the new brand of civil servants in immediate post-1945 Whitehall who were attracted by new methods and new policies, died on March 25. He was 77.

He moved from the Colonial Office to 10 Downing Street in July 1946 as personal assistant to Clement Attlee, mainly on economic issues. He was sympathetic to the Attlee government's objectives.

Later, as an under-secretary at the Colonial Office, he supervised the hand-over of several British colonies to independence in the 1950s and 1960s, at times expressing anxiety that the whole stampede might be going too fast.

William Lethbridge Gorell Barnes was born on August 23, 1909. He was educated at Marlborough and at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he gained firsts in classics and in modern languages.

He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1932, and held posts in Baghdad and Lisbon.

At the outbreak of war he was seconded to the offices of the War Cabinet. There he remained until 1945, during which time (1942-5) he served as personal assistant to two Lords President of the Council, Sir John Anderson and Clement Attlee respectively.

In 1945 Gorell Barnes was transferred to the defence materials division of the Treasury, but in October of the following year, Attlee, now Prime Minister, had him once again as his personal assistant. They remained together for the next fifteen months, with Gorell Barnes advising on economic matters.

In February 1948 he was on the move again. The Colonial Office had set up a new economic intelligence and planning department to help encourage increased production and a saving of dollar expenditure in the colonies. An additional post of under-secretary of state was created, and this Gorrell Barnes filled.

In 1951 he was appointed head of the African department, and travelled to Africa and to British Honduras.

In 1961 Harold Macmillan picked Gorell Barnes for his "brains trust" team to negotiate terms for British entry into the Common Market, and he spent the next sixteen months travelling between London and Brussels with Edward Heath.

With the disappearance of his job, he retired from the Colonial Office in 1963 to make for himself a second career in industry. He turned to sherry, and became a financial director of Harveys of Bristol.

Gorell Barnes was a first-rate administrator and this, together with his grasp of economics and of languages, served him well. A variety of other companies subsequently laid claim to his time

He published, in 1967, *Europe and the Developing World*: he never lost his enthusiasm for the "new Europe".

His family meant a lot to him, and he greatly valued his house and tennis court in Hampstead where he moved soon after the war. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and their three daughters.

MAJOR-GENERAL NIGEL DUNCAN

Major-General Nigel Duncan, CB, CBE, DSO, who commanded specialized armoured forces during the D-Day landings and, afterwards, in the North West Europe campaign, died on March 24, at age of 87.

Duncan played a leading role in what were known as "Hobo's Funnies", a division of armoured vehicles designed for specific tasks such as mine clearance and crossing water defences.

These were the brainchild of Major-General Sir Percy Hobart, a pioneer tank tactician who had been retired from the Army early in the war, as chastisement for his outspoken opinions, but called back to the colours on the personal orders of Churchill to form the 79th Armoured Divison for D-Day.

Nigel William Duncan was born on November 27, 1899, and went to Malvern College and Sandhurst. He was commisioned in the Black Watch in 1919, but in the following year was seconded to the infant Tank Corps, and served in Egypt with an armoured car company.

Convinced of the future of armoured fighting vehicles, he transferred permanently to the newly-constituted Royal Tank Corps in 1923.

He then spent some years at the RTR's depot at Bovington, where he was adjutant from 1926 to 1931, and had a spell in India before passing through the Staff College.

During the early part of the war he was on the staff, but when consideration was being given to the type of armoured forces needed to breach the Atlantic Wall, he was given command of 30th Armoured Brigade in Hobart's Division.

The "Funnies" consisted of several types of AFV: "crocodile" tanks, with flame throwers; "swimmer" tanks for fording rivers; AVREs, which could lay down bridges; and "crab" tanks, armed with flails which swept ahead of them for mines.

All these devices were offered to the United States Army for D-Day, but, except for the swimmers, were declined, a decision the Americans came to regret in the difficult task of getting through the beach defences and the dunes beyond.

In the event the tanks proved oustandingly successful. All the British divisions involved in the initial landings had special assault teams drawn from 79th Division, and, until Hobart himself came ashore on D+5, these were under the local command of Duncan.

On Juno Beach the swimmer tanks, launched 1,000 yards out from the beaches, got quickly ashore, and played an important part in silencing strongpoints. Even on Gold Beach, where, to the west of Le Hamel, there was heavy fire from defences, the Funnies quickly cleared the landing area of opposition.

After the breakout from the Normandy beach-head, Duncan stayed with the Funnies for the rest of the war. During the assault on Le Havre in September 1944, he commanded all the 79th Division units.

The 30th Armoured Brigade was also to the fore during the 2nd Army's passage of the Rhine in atrocious wintry conditions, in which specialized armour proved invaluable.

Duncan's DSO and CBE, both in 1945, acknowledged his experience as a commander of this type of armour.

Among his post-war appointments was command of the Royal Armoured Corps Centre, and he was director of the Royal Armoured Corps from 1949 to 1952, when he retired.

But his retirement was an active one. He was Colonel Commandant of the Royal Tank Regiment from 1952 to 1958, and Lieutenant-Governor of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, from 1953 to 1957.

He also found time to be curator of the Tank Museum from 1964 to 1967, and was busy in Dorset, where he was a deputy lieutenant and prime mover in numerous local good causes.

Duncan was a bold tank commander, with much of the cavalryman's dash about his approach to the enemy. But in the more peaceful aspects of soldiering, too, he was admired by brother officers, and by the men under him, for his awareness of their problems.

After ill-health had begun to prevent his attendance, RTR gatherings seemed almost incomplete without him.

He leaves his widow, Victoria, and their three daughters.

PROF G. WETHERLEY-MEIN

Professor Gordon Wetherley-Mein, who died on March 24 at the age of 68, was an outstanding haematologist and among the farsighted few who, in the post-war years, created the discipline of clinical haematology in this country.

He was born on June 30, 1918, and educated at Loretto and at St John's College, Cambridge, before qualifying at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School in 1942.

For the remainder of the war he served as a regimental medical officer with the 50th Infantry Division in North Africa, Sicily and the Normandy landings. In the field he handled blood transfusions; he also organized a laboratory to deal with malaria.

After the war he joined the clinical pathology laboratory at St Thomas's. There he fell under the spell of Dr Joe Bamforth, a unique teacher of pathology.

In this atmosphere Wetherley-Mein's own interests flourished and he increasingly specialized in haematology. But he was a man who preferred to be among his patients rather than to be stuck behind a laboratory bench, a practice that became more widespread.

His major interests were in proliferative diseases of lymphoid tissue and bone marrow, especially the polycythaemias and leukaemias.

He became physician to the laboratory in 1954 and, ten years later, was the first occupant of the chair of haematology. He recruited staff with a wide range of interests so that the whole spectrum of haematology was represented. He worked hard to support and encourage his team, expecting a commitment which he himself returned in equal measure.

In the wards he cut an unusual figure with his Pickwickian appearance and gales of laughter, but beneath this was an extremely shrewd doctor and an opinion which took account of the whole patient.

Wetherley-Mein was a man of robust commonsense who had no time for either waffle or red tape, and his own straightforward teaching methods were popular with the students.

Following his retirement in 1983 he became Wolfson Research Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and set about organizing a countrywide survey of polycythaemia and its complications. This was producing fascinating results that are expected to change the treatment of this condition.

His other passion was sailing, and retirement allowed him more time with his boat.

He leaves a widow, Elizabeth, a son and a daughter.

MR JUSTIN PRICE

Mr Justin Price, QC, who died on March 25 at the age of 67, was an able barrister of wit and panache, ever ready to puncture the balloon of pomposity.

Arnold Justin Price was born on August 16, 1919. He was devout in his Jewish faith but never sanctimonious.

A Territorial officer, he was invalided out early in the war and took to sheep farming in North Wales. Some years ago he was proud to send sheep dogs to Israel accompanied by instructions in Welsh.

He was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple in 1952. He practised, first, on the Wales and Chester Circuit and, from 1969, on the Northern Circuit.

From 1957 to 1960 he served in the Colonial Legal Service, including a period as a judge of the High Court of Northern Nigeria. He was a Recorder of the Crown Court from 1972.

Price had a quick mind which rapidly assessed the salient points of a case. His presentation and cross examination were colourful and effective. No court was dull when he appeared.

He was a clubbable companion and a friend to grapple to one's soul with hoops of steel.

He is survived by his wife, Corinne, and by their four daughters.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Mr James Mitchell, Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines.

HM Government
The Hon Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, gave a luncheon yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Andrzej Wojcik, Minister of Foreign Trade of Poland.

Anglo-Spanish Society
Don José Ignacio Benavides, Minister Counsellor at the Spanish Embassy, presided at the annual luncheon of the Anglo-Spanish Society held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Sir Ronald Lindsay, vice-chairman, received the guests and Don Nicolás Belmonte, Secretary-General of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker. The guests included:

Lady Lindsay, Sir Peter and Lady Allen, Señora de Puig de la Bellacasa, Señora de Benavides, Don Miguel Angel Velarde and Señora Velarde, Don Juan Romero Valencia and Señora Romero, Mrs Nan Baxter and

Dinners

Royal Society of Medicine
Sir Gordon Robson, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, gave a dinner last night at 1 Wimpole Street after Professor P.D. Wall had delivered the Sherrington lecture. Among those present were:

Sir John Walton, Dr E R Bickerstaff, Professor C Blakemore, Professor R W Gilliatt, Professor B Jennett, Professor O H Petersen, Dr P Rudge and Mr D G Thomas.

Chartered Association of Certified Accountants
The annual dinner of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants was held last night at Guildhall. The president, Mr N. Cannon presided. The guests included:

The High Commissioner for Mauritius, Sir Alan Bailey, Lord Barnett, Sir Austin and Lady Bide, Sir William Clark, MP, Lord and Lady Croham, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Baroness David, Sir Gordon and Lady Downey, Sir Angus Fraser, Mr M Howard, QC, MP, and Mrs Howard, Sir Philip and Lady Jones, Sir Peter Lane, Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, and Lady Le Quesne, Sir Peter and Lady Middleton, Sir William and Lady Pile, Sir Leslie and Lady Porter, Sir John and Lady Read, Sir Robert Reid, Sir Peregrine and Lady Rhodes, Sir Eric and Lady Sharp, Sir Michael Shaw, MP, and Lady Shaw, and Mr Robert Sheldon, MP, and Mrs Sheldon.

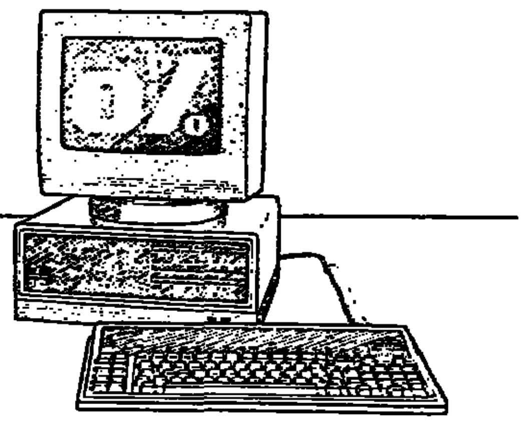
TA and VRA
The Lord Lieutenant for Lancashire, Colonel Simon Towneley, presided at a dinner given by the Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for the North West of England and the Isle of Man at Altcar last night to mark the retirement of Colonel F.J.K. Williams, late chairman; Colonel A. Matthew and Wing Commander A.R. Keys, late vice-chairmen; and Brigadier D.L. Ormerod, secretary of the association. Among those present were:

Colonel Viscount Leverhulme (Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire), Wing Commander K M Stoddart (Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside), Major General L A W New (Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man) and Major R R Craik (chairman of the association).

Service dinner

Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Major-General G.B. Berragan, Director General of Ordnance Services, and Officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps gave a guest night dinner at Deepcut yesterday. Among those present were:

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Huxtable, Air Vice-Marshal R C Allerton, Major-General D V Kalra, Major-General L Bourving, Brigadier F Bremm, Brigadier C W Beckett and



Q. HOW DO YOU IMPROVE EUROPE'S BEST SELLING PERSONAL COMPUTER?

A. ADD NOTHING.

When you already produce the M24, the best selling European personal computer, and you already back it up with an after sales service beyond reproach, you'd have thought improving it would be impossible. But we've managed it.

Buy an M24, or any other Olivetti personal computer, before the end of April and we'll offer you interest free credit.

Phone for written details now.

01-200 0200

olivetti
OLIVETTI FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD

هكذ من الإمل

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.
Jeremiah 31 : 3

BIRTHS

BAZALGETTE:ST.JOHN-BROOKS - On March 18th, to Katharine and Vivian, a son, Joseph Lytton.

BUTCHER - On 18th March, to Shirley (nee Aris) and Stephen, a son, Scott Raymond Aris.

CARNEGIE - On March 24th, to Jackie and David, a daughter, Fiona Jean Elizabeth, a sister for Alexander and Sarah.

CARNEGIE - See Loveland

CLARKE - On March 15th 1987, to Jan and Graham, a daughter, Harriet Price, a sister for Thomas.

CLIFFORD - On March 21st 1987, in Hong Kong, to Miriam and Paul, two sons, Jasper Aaron and Hugo Saul.

DANCE - On March 24th 1987, at Cuckfield Hospital, East Sussex, to Vicki (née Murphy) and Steven, a son Thomas William Louis.

EVANS - On March 24th 1987, at Glangwili, Carmarthen, to Hilary (née Thomas) and Dorian, a daughter, Katharine Alice, sister for Rachel.

FOXWELL - On March 22nd, at the Humana Wellington Hospital, to Angela and Tony, a son, Benjamin Joseph. Sincere thanks to all concerned at the Humana.

FRASER - On March 17th, to Elizabeth (née Essex) and Ian, a son, Duncan a brother for Alastair.

HELLYER - On March 25th 1987, to Lizzie and Robert, a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth.

LOVELAND - On March 23rd 1987, to Christina and Robin, a daughter, Rachel Sophia.

OAKLEY - On March 24th, to Janice (née Small) and David, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth.

SMALLMAN - On March 24th 1987, in Nairobi, to Sally (née Grant) and Robin, a daughter, Emily Claire, a sister for Oliver.

ANNIVERSARIES

T - No more tulips - just one English rose. Now we can take H L and B S skiing. Lovely. G.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CASS:PRICE - On March 27th 1937 in Birmingham, Joan and Lester. Congratulations Mum and Dad on 50 Golden Years, from Martin, Robert and Greg, with love.

HENDER:HALL - On March 27th 1937, Victor Charles to Madge Mary at Chaldon Parish Church, Surrey now at Westcroft, Blackdown Ave, Woking, Surrey.

UDEN:BRIDGEWATER - On 27th March, at Cristchurch, Newgate Street, Bernard Gilbert Grant-Uden to Joyce Evelyn Bridgewater; now at 4 St Peters, Chichester, W.Sussex.

DEATHS

ALLNUTT - On March 24th, at Guildford, Cyril Walter, aged 72 years. Funeral Service at Cocking Parish Church, near Midhurst, West Sussex at 2.30pm on Tuesday March 31st. Flowers to E White and Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester 782136.

APPS - On March 24th, in Hospital, Margery, of High Halden, Ashford, Kent, aged 94 years. Widow of Charles and much loved mother of Harold. Funeral service to be held at High Halden Church, Ashford, Kent on Tuesday March 31st at 2.15pm, followed by cremation.

BLENCH - On March 23rd 1987, in Malvern, Margot widow of Max, lately of Haslemere, Surrey. Worcester Crematorium, noon, Monday March 30th. No flowers. Contributions to the British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London, W1 M OBD.

GORELL BARNES - On March 26th 1987, William Lethbridge Gorell Barnes, K.C.M.G., C.B., beloved husband of Barbara, and much loved father of Anne Blackman, Jayne Arnott, Victoria Wilkinson and Henry. Dear grandfather of their children. Funeral at Mattishall Church, at 2.00pm, on Wednesday April 1st. Family flowers only. A Memorial Service in London will be anounced later.

HALL - On March 25th 1987, peacefully after a long illness, borne with great courage, Evelyn Maxwell in her 80th year, formerly of Eastborne, beloved sister of John and the late Martin, and dear aunt and great-aunt. Family flowers only, but a contribution to the D.G.A.A., Laverstock Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, would be greatly appreciated. Funeral service at 2.30pm Tuesday 31st March at St Saviour's Church, Eastborne.

HARVARD - On March 24th 1987, Marjorie Gwendolyn of Ripon, peacefully after a short illness, widow of John Peter de Jersey and mother of Clive and Ruth. Funeral Service at Sharow Parish Church, Ripon, on Friday March 27th at 11am. Donations, if desired, to Save The Children Fund.

HAWKINS - On March 21st, peacefully at Hindhead Nursing Home, Joan aged 98, youngest daughter of the late Prebendary and Mrs F.H.A. Hawkins, dearly loved sister of Robin and aunt to three generations. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Wednesday April 1st at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, enquiries to Gould & Chapman Ltd. 042 8734436

ROSKINS - On March 24th 1987, peacefully in hospital, William Daniel, beloved husband of Elizabeth (Betty) father of Bridget and Mary and grandpa of William, Katy and Thomas. Service at St Anselms Church, Hatch End, on Wednesday April 1st at 2.00pm, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, at 2.45pm (West Chapel). Family flowers only, donation if desired to Mount Vernon Comfort fund c/o. T.A. Ellement & Son Ltd, 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middlesex.

KELSON - On March 25th 1987, Wallace Howard (Bill), aged 68, peacefully at his home in Weston-super-Mare. Member of C.B.I. Chairman of Bolt-Kelson Holdings. Husband of Pam and father of Beverley, Paul and Lee. Funeral service Wednesday April 1st 1pm, St. John's Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, followed by private burial. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Oncology Research Fund, c/o Cooksley & Son, 1, Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LIVINGSTONE-LEARMONTH - On March 24th 1987, Claire Elise, beloved wife of the late T.L. Livingstone-Learmonth, at one time of Parkhall, Stirlingshire. Funeral Service private. A Memorial Service will be held on April 10th at 12 Noon at St Nicholas Church, Compton, near Guildford. No flowers - Dancing gave her great joy in life. Gifts to the British and Foreign Bible Society, 146 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4BX. All enquiries to J Gorringe & Son, Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey. Tel 04868 6403.

MACIVER - On March 19th, suddenly, at 27 The Village, Milton Abbot, Tavistock, Isabel, aged 41 years, beloved wife of Alasdair and dearest mum of Kate and Neil, loving sister of Anthony. Funeral Tuesday March 31st, service at Milton Abbot Parish Church 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu if desired for Cancer Research may be sent to: The Reverend R. Chudley, The New Vicarage, Milton Abbot, Tavistock, Devon.

McCLURE - On March 23rd 1987, suddenly The Reverend Canon Hugh Norman of Ardagh House, Balnmore, County Cork, much loved husband and father. Funeral at Balnmore Church on Thursday April 2nd at 3.00pm. Burial at Creagh.

MILLS - On March 26th, at home, Peter CM. Devoted and beloved husband, father, headmaster and friend. Funeral 3pm Tuesday March 31st at Bramshott Church. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to: West Sussex Macmillan Service, Midhurst. Memorial Service in Highfield School Chapel at 3pm on Sunday May 3rd.

PRICE - On Wednesday March 25th, Justin Price QC, beloved husband of Corinne, adored father of Eluned, Felicity, Hilary and Naomi, and much loved grandfather of seven granddaughters.

RICHARDSON - On March 25th 1987, peacefully in Andorra, John William (Jack) aged 87, beloved husband of Eleanor, father of Michael and Nicholas. Funeral in Andorra. Donations to Cancer Research or British Heart Foundation.

ROBERTS - On March 23rd, suddenly Kenneth Arthur Betton, loving husband, father and grandfather, formerly RASC & RAEC. Funeral at The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Hambledon, Hants, at 3pm on Thursday April 2nd. Family flowers only.

THRELFALL - On March 24th, peacefully at The Royal Hospital (Shelton), Shrewsbury, James, aged 85 years, late of Ewell, Surrey. Beloved husband of Mary and much loved father of Patricia, Margaret, Josephine, Anne Maria and son-in-law Michael and grand-father of Mark and Helen. Requiem Mass at St.Thomas of Canterbury R.C. Church, Tettenhall Wood, Grange Road, Wolverhampton on Tuesday 31st March at 11am, followed by interment at Danescourt Cemetery. Reception in church Monday 30th March at 8pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Shelton Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, c/o Misses Threlfall, 2 Wentworth Grove, Perton, Wolverhampton.

VENUS - On March 26th, at home after a short illness, Donald, dearest and much loved husband of Margot, devoted father of Michael and Andrew, and grandfather. Funeral service at Appledore Parish Church on Wednesday April 1st at 12 o'clock, followed by cremation at Charing Crematorium at 13.00 hours. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to Appledore Parish Church 800th Anniversary Fund.

WALLIS - On March 21st, Robina Dorothy, of Wartha Manor, The Lizard. Funeral at Landewednack Church, Tuesday March 31st at 12 noon. Enquiries (0326) 240266.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HARTLEY- There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of C J Hartley (Kit), at St Edward's School Chapel, Oxford, on Saturday April 4th 1987, at 11 am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MAYES - Hilary (née Mines). Lovingly remembered always but especially on this her birthday by Daphne, Celia, Anatole, ' Ernest' and all her many friends.

VAN BROCK Francois, 1920 - 1987 Paris. Remembered on his birthday and with gratitude for his help in 1941. Jack (R.A.F.E.S) and family.

Science report

Sparrowhawks revel in home comforts

By Gareth Huw Davies

Young sparrowhawks cling to the metaphorical apron strings until their parents cut off their food supply by stopping them feeding near the nest, recent research has shown.

If the young birds were not forced to disperse, they would remain dependent for much longer, giving their parents little time to recover their strength after two energy-sapping months of family raising.

This insight into the young sparrowhawk's reluctant departure is one of the main findings in an examination of Britain's second most common bird of prey, which in the past has proved extremely difficult to study.

Sparrowhawks, which now nest in woodland throughout Britain after their strong recovery from the effects of pesticides in the 1960s, are secretive birds and are rarely seen during the nesting period. Very little is known of their immediate post-fledgling period or how long they stay around the nest dependent on their parents. Indeed there is very little information on this phase for any bird.

Scientists from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology at Monkswood, working in Rockingham Forest in the East Midlands fitted eight young birds from four different broods with radio transmitters while on the nest and monitored their activities for six weeks.

The birds left the nests after 26-30 days and remained near the nest for a further four weeks, venturing further and further away between feeds. Just before dispersal they were heard constantly calling for food, which suggests the parents had deliberately reduced the food supply. The research team suspect other birds of prey employ a similar strategy.

To test this hypothesis, a further four broods were provided with foods by the researchers. They stayed around the nest for up to three weeks longer than birds not fed artificially, remaining entirely dependent, and only dispersing when the food was withdrawn.

The young males then moved away an average distance of about six miles, with females travelling about 12 miles. Dispersal appears to serve the purpose of mixing the young from different localities and different broods, thereby preventing inbreeding.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Alfred de Vigny, poet, Locher, France, 1797; Wilhelm Conrad von Rontgen, physicist, discoverer of X-rays, Nobel laureate 1901, Lennep, Germany, 1845; Heinrich Mann, novelist, Lubeck, Germany, 1871.

DEATHS: James VI of Scotland (from 1567) and James I of Great Britain (1603-25), Theobalds, Hertfordshire, 1625; Giovanni Tiepolo, painter, Madrid, 1770; Sir George Gilbert Scott, architect (Albert Memorial, St Pancras Hotel), London, 1878; John Bright, politician, Rochdale, Lancashire, 1889; Arnold Bennett, London, 1931; Michael Joseph Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand, 1935-40, Wellington, New Zealand, 1940; Yuri Gagarin, first cosmonaut to orbit the earth, killed in air crash, Moscow, 1968.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIALYSIS AND TRANSPLANT
THEIR ONLY HOPE

Life saving treatment is known, but unavailable through lack of funds to 2000 people who die annually from kidney failure. Please help grant a reprieve for some of them this year
Donations to:

THE BRITISH KIDNEY PATIENT ASSOCIATION
Bordon, Hants,

Tel. Bordon 2021/2

CATHY BOOTH Farewell little Aussie - come back & see us soon. Wishing you the best of British in all you do.

FLINT (6lb Schnauzer) 7/2/74 - 18/3/87. Loved and sadly missed companion to Chester & Lucy Williams

'SUPERWOMAN': If you found this book useful, please send a postcard to Shirley Conran, saying why. Reply to BOX L34.

PLEASE HELP the National Benevolent Fund For The Aged to provide "TENS" machines for the relief of pain in conditions like arthritis. £60 buys a machine. Donations please to The Viscount Tonypandy, Chairman, NBFA, 65, London Wall, London EC2M 5TU.

BORED with The Guinness Book of Records? Sick of Trivial Pursuits? Look out for the Harwin chronology of inventions. Constable. £10.95. Available from your local bookshop.

BAG/CEB Frohe 36 Hochzeitstag. MCC.

BIRTHDAYS

LETICIA at Queen Anne's School. Have a wonderful 18th Birthday. We shall always love you P M M.

SERVICES

CAPITAL CVs prepare high quality curriculum vitaes. 01-607 7905.

FRIENDSHIP, Love or Marriage. All ages, areas. Dateline, Dept (O16) 23 Abingdon Road, London W8. Tel. 01-938 1011.

BRIDGE. London School of Bridge and Club. 38 Kings Road, SW3. 01-589 7201.

WANTED

FINE JEWELLERY. Bonhams, Knightsbridge Auctioneers are inviting entries for their monthly Jewellery Sales. Complete confidentiality. Home visits can be arranged. Contact Ian Venture, Bonhams, Montpelier Street, London SW7 1HH. Tel 01 584 9161.

WATERCOLOURS sell for high prices in our monthly sales. Entries of English & Continental Victorian Watercolours now invited. Contact Caroline Oliphant on 01 584 9161 at Bonhams, *Knightsbridge, London SW7 1HH.*

ALL MASONIC items wanted. Good prices paid. Tel: 01-229 9618.

£10,000 cash available for large Vic wardrobes, desks, bookcases, sets of chairs, tables, bureaux. 01-946 7683 (day) 01-789 0471 (eves).

ANTIQUE TEXTILES, oil paintings, carpets, rugs, silver, object d'art etc. family bibles pre 1900 required. 01 459 3574.

WE buy all good quality second hand furniture. Complete house clearance service 01 291 3808.

WILD NORWAY By Abel Chapman wanted-also 19th C books on Norway Tel 0825 82476.

ALL WOOD SHAFTED Golf Clubs wanted. Good prices. 08926 4240.

FOR SALE

KNIGHTS OF NETTLEBED. Chippendale and Sheraton style dining furniture made to order. Over 50 dining suites always available for immediate delivery. Nettlebed, Nr. Henley-on-Thames (0491) 641118; Bournemouth (0202) 293580; Topsham, Devon (039287) 7443; Berkeley, Glos. (0453) 810952.

THE PIANO WORKSHOP Free credit over 1 year (0% APR) on our unrivalled selection of new and restored pianos. Low interest over 2 & 3 yrs. Written quotations. Free catalogue. 30a Highgate Rd, NW5. 01-267-7671.

OLD YORK FLAGSTONES for patios & driveways. You can buy from a garden centre but they will have bought it from us. Tel: 061-223-0881/061-231-6785.

SEATFINDERS. Best tickets for all sold-out events. Our clients include most major companies. Credit cards accepted. 01-828 1678.

THE TIMES 1795-1986. Other titles avail. Hand bound ready for presentation - also "Sundays". £12.50. Remember When. 01-688 6323/6324.

TICKETS FOR ANY EVENT, Phantom, Cats, Starlight Exp, Chess, Les Mis. All theatre and sports. Tel: 821-6616/828-0495. A.Ex / Visa / Diners.

ALL TICKETS. Phantom, Rugby, Cup Finals, Wimbledon and Pop Shows. Credit Cards accepted on 01-930 0800.

BECHSTEIN Rosewood Grand, 6 ft 1929. Exceptional instr. Bargain for quick sale. Offers over £6000. 01-586 4981.

BECHSTEIN - Medium Size Upright Rosewood. Good condition. £1,299 ono. View weekend. Tel: 01-892 4661.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, Paul Simon, Wimbledon, Rugby, Pop, Sport & all theatres. 01 240 8609/01 836 9910.

PIANO, attractive medium-sized upright. Excellent tone. £375 price includes delivery. Mint Condition. 01-453 0148.

PUG PUPPIES Black, gorgeous little busy-bodies. Wonderful characters. Excellent pedigree. KC Reg. 06436 2248.

TICKETS Phantom, Wimbledon, Theatres and Sports. 10.30am - 6pm. Credit cards. 01-225 1338/9.

TWELVE 19th C dining chairs in 16th C Italian style. Upholstered in leather. £3,000. Tel 01 340 2689.

FRIDGES/FREEZERS, Cookers, etc. Can you buy cheaper? B & S Ltd. 01 229 1947/8468.

NEW ROLEX QUARTZ OYSTER Best look a like watches Beautifully marked. £200. W/end/eve pref 0273 834296.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP
THE AGED

Brings care and contact to needy elderly people in the UK and overseas.

Please support this vital work with a donation or legacy.

Write to Help the Aged, Legacy Office, Room 72932, Freepost, London EC1B 1BD. Register Charity 272786.

Help the Aged
THE TIME TO CARE IS NOW

HELP US TO MAKE A LIFE FOR THOSE WHO LIVE WITH CANCER.

Please send your donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan fund, Room TTA, 15/19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TY. Telephone 01-351 7811. Or write to us for information about making a covenant or legacy.

Cancer Relief
Macmillan Fund
Registered as the National Society for Cancer Relief

FOR SALE

YAMAHA PIANO STUDIOS
24 Princes St,
London, W1.

Visit our new showrooms which house the largest range of Yamaha grand and selected upright pianos in the UK. We have acoustically controlled practice rooms for hire at the special introductory rate of £7.50 per hour, where you can play a Yamaha CF111 9' concert grand. There are tuition facilities available too. All in our pleasant, relaxed environment with specialist staff at your service. So come into Yamaha Piano Studios now where the grandest word for piano is Yamaha

Tel 01 408 0210.

Opening times:
Mon-Fri 9.30-6pm.
Sat 9.30-5pm.
Credit facilities available.

THE SPRING HAS SPRUNG
THE GRASS HAS RIS
I WONDER WHERE THOSE PIANOS IS?
(Buy or hire fr only £16pm)
MARKSON PIANOS
Albany St NW.
01-935 8682
Artillery Place SE18
01-854 4517

STEINWAY - Upright model V 7 years old. Infrequently played, regularly maintained by Steinway. New £10,000, asking price £6,000 Tel: 01-946 6747.

FINE VIOLIN by Paul Bailly (Vuillaume School). Fine example. Musicians instrument. £2,600. Offers. Brighton 32831.

XEROX 9400, very little used, also Xerox 1075 (1 yr old) both at very good prices 01 278 6127/01 833 2921

PIANO CLEARANCE Until March 31st. New Young Chang 9ft Concert Grand, £9,500 Plus V A.T. New Rudsolin 7ft 6 inch Concert Grand £6,950 Plus V.A.T. Wide range of other makes available at unbeatable prices free U.K. delivery at Russell Pianos. Tel: Nottingham (0602) 203780/276281 anytime

FLATSHARE

CLAPHAM COMMON Prof f 23+, n/s, o/r, in lovely flat, CH £43 pw inc. Tel 01 726 8242 day, 01 622 8660 eves w/n.

FLATMATES Selective Sharing. Well estab introductory service. Plse tel for appt: 01-589 5491, 313 Brompton Road, SW3.

HAMPSTEAD Prof person to share comfortable flat, own single room, CH, W94, £225 pcm. (Preferably someone in charismatic renewal). 01 482 2654.

SW18 Earlsfield, 10 mins Waterloo. Single room for girl. £40pw incl in friendly mixed Gdn flat. Phone Jeremy. Work 228 4116, Eves 947 0392.

TWICKENHAM - Prof fem 30-40 to share lux house near BR station. Own room. £55 pw incl. except phone. Deposit required. Avail now. Ring 01-891 2686.

WANDSWORTH BRIDGE Plus 8/R 3 minutes. Professional, M/F, 28+. Double room in owners luxury flat. N.S. £200inc pcm. Tel:01 723 3484.

ACTON, Pleasant bedsit in family house. Suit prof female. £40pw incl. available immediately. Tel: 01-740 8382.

MAIDA VALE Prof M/F, O/R in large mixed flat overlooking park. 25+, non-smoker. £195 pcm 01 286 1000.

N4 Single rm avail in lge private home with garden. £50 pw. Share all facils. nr Finsbury Pk tube. 272 2522.

PROF Lady o/l/r in well equip hse in nice area. Freq direct BR 7 London Stns. City 22 mins. Tel 01 930 7501/0689 56344.

SLOANE SQUARE Cosy flat, two females to share room, £37.50 pw exclusive. Tel 01 589 0763 evenings.

SW11 O/R in luxury mixed house. All mod cons. 3rd non smoker. £49 p.w. fully incl. Tel: 01 223 6310 Eves.

W6 3rd person, own room, to share new dec flat, close tube, pref N/S. £50pw incl. Tel: 01 740 6291.

WANDSWORTH Prof person. N/S. Own room in lge CH hse. 5 mins stn. £40 pw excl. Tel: 01-874 5075 after 6pm.

WIMBLEDON Prof person. N/S to share comf hse. O/R, all facil, CH, nr transport. £160 pcm excl. 01-947 6559 eves.

RENTALS

ISLINGTON - Owner's spacious period house nr tube. 3/4 dble beds. 2 receps. Superb studio with lovely views. Large living area. CH. South facing garden. £280 pw. Tel: (0580) 712806.

MODERN OR TRADITIONAL furniture supplied for short or long lets. Large stocks, immediate delivery. Call Mr Michael Norbury John Strand Contracts Ltd tel 01 485 8615.

NW1 Architect's split level studio, din/kit, bath. Super decor, own gdn, quiet location, free street parking. Co let, £115 pw incl GCH. Tel: 01 485 9679.

RIPPLEVALE GROVE - N1, charming family cottage, sunny country garden, all appliances, rocking horse, space, 10 mins City, Uni. caring tenants invited. 589 6988.

WEST KENSINGTON W14 A selection of charming f/f 1 bed apt in prestige block fr £120pw incl. Also a spacious f/f apt dble recep, 4 bed, kit/diner, 2 bath, pking. £380pw incl. 01 575 1896 (T)

YORK ESTATES - We are one of London's leading letting specialists. If you are looking for a home to rent in central London telephone us with your individual requirements. 01 724 0335.

AMERICAN BANK urgently requires luxury flats/houses, Chelsea, Knightsbridge, Belgravia areas. £200 - £2,000 pw. Burgess Estate Agents 581 5136

CHISWICK Co let. Lovely furnished 2 bedroom flat. Nr Tube and shops. £120 pw. Avail April 1. Tel: Larry (Days) 437 6601 (Evenings) 995 0119.

EUSTON, Lux. Furn/flt. As new. 6/7 dbles. 2/4 sngles Dormitory for 12 Lge Steam rm, sauna, jacuzzi, gym. Long or short let W/e 0256 427757

HIGHGATE Attractive flat, reception, 1 double, 1 single bedroom, patio garden, CH, suit couple + 1 single person. £105 pw. Tel: 348 2764 or 794 0739.

STH KENSINGTON, Exceptionally attractive quiet & convenient flat. 2 dble bedrms, lounge 18x12, modern K&B, indep GCH. £210 pw. 01-637 2893 (T)

SW1 Spacious & individually planned maisonette with views of Royal Mews. 2 Lge Receps. 2 Beds. 2 Baths. Kit. Balcony. £350pw. Cooles 828 8251.

SW1. Lovely 2 bed character flat. Stripped pine. New f/f kit. Suit City couple. £225 pw. Quraishi Constantine 01-244 7353

SYDNEY ST Chelsea SW3. Sunny comfortable 2 bed flat, available 4-5 months. Co let. £160 pw. Tel: 222 4343 x 316 (day). 586 6877 (eve).

BAKER STREET A choice of lux flats, fully furn, CH, porterage. Short/long lets. 262 4149 (T).

BAKER ST Dorset House 3 b/r. 2 baths, 2 receps. f/f kit, hall, foyer, 24 hr porter. £400 pw incl CHW & CH. 021 455 0657

A WEST END flat and house list. We sell and let property. Davis Woolfe & Co. 01 402 7381.

MAYFAIR Hyde Park the most luxurious long/short lets 1/6 beds, best prices Globe Apartments 01 935 9512.

SOUTH KEN, Convenient fully fitted Lux 2 bed flat long or short let £225 pw - Landons 950 0853 or 660 7868 eves.

BATTERSEA 2 dble bed lux furn secure flat. Serviced £125 pw. Avail immed. Tel. 0734 473207 from 4 pm.

CHELSEA, Charming house, suitable single /couple. Newly decorated. £240 pw Tel: 01 221 8404.

FOR Luxury flats central in Lon. Short & long lets. Contact Enhanced P'ties 629 0501.

HOLLAND PARK - Elegant 3 bedroom CH flat, kit with amenities. 2 mins walk tube /bus. £220 pw Tel: 727 5463.

KENSINGTON W8 spacious flat 1 dble bed, large recep, mod kitchen, bath, patio. Min 1 yr. £165 pw. 01 727 7273.

KENSINGTON W14. Lux garden flat in 18th C hse, dble bdrm, recp, large kit/diner. £150 pw incl. 602 1130.

MILNER ST. Spacious s/c 1 bed flat with terrace & gdn. Co let. £150 pw. 730 3435 (T).

SERVICED APARTMENTS in Kensington. Col T.V. 24 hr Sw. Telex. Collingham Apartments. 01-373 6306.

SLOANE APARTMENTS Perfect location off Sloane Square. Fully serviced & equipped. Tel: 373 6306 (T).

ST JAMES PLACE, SW1 Luxury serviced 2 bed apartments. Prime location next to Park. 01-373 6306 (T).

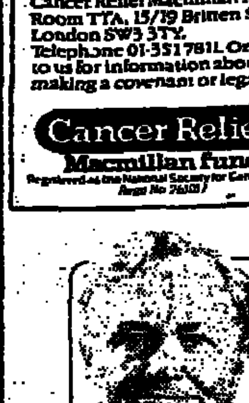
SURBITON, Brand new 2 bed, 2 bath flat o'lkng Thames. All new furnishings Close stn £175 pw JW Ltd 01 949 2482

SUTTON Attractive 3 bed town-house, excellent order, fully furnished, washing machine etc.£136 pw. 07373 62116.

SW11 Superbly refurbished and furnished 4 bed Victorian house. £1,150 pcm. Para Prop Services (0372) 69171

SW10, Sunny 1 dble bed flat, col TV, washer / drier, OSP. Avail now. Co let. £135 pw. 622 2590 (T).

W8 Reception, 2 double bedrooms, k&b, CH, suit 4 sharers. £160 pw. Tel: 01 373 0763/ 373 8106/ 370 3710.



HARRY SECOMBE SAYS
DEFEAT THE
DAMAGING
DISEASE
and help prevent blindness,
kidney failure, amputations.

The BDA is the UK's largest single contributor to diabetes research. Send me a donation today.
BRITISH DIABETIC ASSOCIATION
10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD REG CHARITY No. [illegible]

RENTALS

LOOKING FOR SUPERB QUALITY PROPERTY?
Then make QC your first call.
FLATS & HOUSES
Location, size and rent to suit your requirements.
Contact one of our rent team NOW for immediate action
QURAISHI CONSTANTINE
LONDON'S LEADING RESIDENTIAL LETTING AGENTS
01-244 7353

BELSIZE PARK NW3

£275pw Very pretty, spacious garden flat set in convenient location close to tube, buses and excellent shopping facilities. Ideal for a professional couple needing good access to the west End or city. Very large sitting room, dining room, kitchen with all machines, 2 large double beds, bath, shower rm. Little Venice Office: 01-286 4632.

BARGAIN OF THE WEEK-

Lancaster Gate W2. Immaculately decorated. Excellently located 1 bed flat. Was £180 p.w. now £150 p.w.

Anscombe & Ringland
Call us today
01 727 7227

SUNNY BARBICAN 30th flr flat, peace & luxury, huge balconys, breathtaking views, full security, 24 hour porter, underground parking, fully furnished, all appliances, cable TV, new carpet and decor, 3 beds, 2 living, 2 baths. £500 pw cleaning provided 01-628 4841 eve. 01-597 0918 day ref 545.

KENSINGTON W11 Comfortable, furnished sunny ground floor flat. Double bedroom, large sitting room. HW & CH, porter, use of garden square. Near public transport and shops. Holiday let 1 year or more. £225 pw. Tel 01 727 4696 After 9 am or 01 602 3669.

COUNTRY farmhouse, 1 hour from city, shared, with large single room to let. Central heating, spacious, lovely setting in own farm. Cleaning service provided. £160 pm all inclusive. Tel:0371 3759 (Essex).

PORCHESTER GATE, W2. Stunning 2 dble bedrms, magnificent reception, American kitchen, 1½ bathrms flat in prestige block. With views of Park. Palace Properties 01-486 8926

THE BOLTONS Unique garden flat, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 40ft double reception, Smallbone kitchen. £715 per week. 01 675 0110 or 01 370 7842 anytime.

CLAPHAM - Lux 1 dble bed garden flat near Common. Completely refurb £150 pw. Company let. Tel: 01-736 7832.

MAYFAIR Lux S/C furn flat. 1 Lge Bdrm en-suite bth 1 Recep. Fully equip Kit. Short let. £200pw. 01-493 7830 (T).

AMERICAN EXECUTIVE Seeks lux flat/house: up to £800pw. Usual fees req. Phillips Kay & Lewis. South of the Park, Chelsea office, 01-352 8111 or North of the Park, Regent's Park office, 01-586 9882.

HAMPSTEAD Exceptional furnished flat close Heath. A large Recep, Din Rm, 2 Dble Beds, Fully fit Kit & Bath Use of Gdns. Company let. £250pw. Highly recommended Britton Poole & Burns 722 1166.

SW3 Lovely 1 Bed flat close to Kings Road. All new interior. Sunny Recep/Diner with attractive South facing views, Dble Bed, Kit, Bath, Porter. £260 inc CH/CHW pw. Cooles 828 8251.

CHELSEA Superb 1 double bedroomed flat on Cheyne Walk. Recently decorated by interior designer. Large kit/bkfst room. CH. Co let. Must be seen. £195 pw. 01 352 8458.

EDGE of Chelsea. Short let. Bright garden flat. New conversion. 2 beds. Fully equipped. Microwave. Dishwasher. Washing machine. T.V. etc. £200 pw. Tel. 01 352 1690.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

WORLDWIDE FARES

	Return		Return
New York	£175	Joburg	£455
LA/Frisco	£299	Cape Town	£575
Miami	£275	Nairobi	£382
Toronto	£236	Hong Kong	£467
Perth	£565	Bangkok	£380
Syd/Mel	£635	Bali	£545
Auckland	£719	Tokyo	£646

Many other destinations
DREAM HOLIDAYS
20 Bute Street, London SW7.
Tel: 01-584 7371
ABTA 76033 IATA

UP UP & AWAY
Nairobi, Jo'Burg, Cairo, Dubai, Istanbul, Singapore, K.L. Delhi, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Sydney, Mexico, Bogota, Caracas, Europe, & The Americas.
Flamingo Travel,
76 Shaftesbury Avenue
London W1V 7DG.
01-439 0102/01-439 7751
Open Saturday 10.00-13.00

SWITZERLAND - Nr Crans Montana, chalet, slps 6. Access accepted. From £180 pw. Tel: (0424) 434891.

DISCOUNTED & GROUP FARES Worldwide. Tel U.T.C. (0753) 857035.

DISCOUNT FARES Worldwide: 01-434 0734 Jupiter Travel.

FLIGHTBOOKERS Discount Fares worldwide. 1st/economy. 01-387 9100

MALAGA CANARIES Travelwise 01 441 1111. Abta/Atol 1783.

MOROCCO BOUND, Regent St. W1 01 734 5307. Abta/Atol 847. Telex 27376

BARBADOS, I own & represent some of the prettiest villas & cottages available to rent on the West Coast. For fullest details & brochures, call Hazel Sacola. Office 021 233 1200. Home 021 454 0912. 87, Camden Street, Birmingham, B13 DE.

TAKE TIME OFF to Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Bruges, Geneva, Berne, Lausanne, Zurich, The Hague, Dublin, Cork, Rouen, Boulogne & Dieppe. Time Off, 2a, Chester Close, London, SW1X 7BQ. 01-235 8070. ABTA 88374

AIRFARE SPECIALISTS Sydney o/w £399 rtn £660. Auckland o/w £425 rtn £750. Jo'burg o/w £282 rtn £465. Los Angeles o/w £168 rtn £315. London Flight Centre 01-370 6332.

LEFKAS, ATHENS, GREECE, Kalamos, fly direct 11, 14, 21, 25 April to Oct £25 off. Kids 50%. Unspoilt resorts, w/surf, boat trip, BBQ's + more. Lunarscape. 01 441 0122. 24 hr.

ONE CALL for some of the best deals in flights, apartments, hotels and car hire. Tel London 01 636 5000 Manchester 061 832 2000. Air Travel Advisory Bureau.

VIENNA MAY WEEKEND Thu A.M. April 30 to Sun P.M. May 3, 3/5 star hotels£196/£275. Opera tickets Ancre Chenier/Traviata. Austro Tours 0727 38191. ABTA 13069.

AIRFARES FACTORY, America, Australia, Asia, Africa. 01-839 7144, 130 Jermyn St, London S.W.1. DARTAIR ACCESS or Master Charge

ALGARVE Villas with pools. April-Easter-Summer. Flights most airports. Details/Brochure. (09276) 2747 Villa Plus. Agt Atol 1662.

FLIGHTS FROM £69- Spain, Italy, Canaries, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, Corsica, Germany. 01 439 0139. Timeway Holidays. ABTA/ATOL 1107.

LATIN AMERICA. Low cost flights e.g. Rio £485 Lima £495 rtn. Also Small Group Holiday Journeys (eg Peru from £350) JLA 01-747-3108

LOW FARES WORLDWIDE - USA, N/S America, Far East, Africa. Airline Appt'd Agt Trayvale, 48 Margaret Street, W1. 01 580 2928 (Visa Accepted)

NEW YORK, L.A., USA. Worldwide destinations. For the cheapest fares, try us 1st. Richmond Travel, 1 Duke Street, Richmond Surrey. ABTA 01-940 4073.

TUNISIA. For your holiday where it's already summer. Call for our brochure now. Tunisian Travel Bureau. 01 373 4411. Agts ATOL 1786.

ALICANTE flight specialists Diamond Travel 0263 814434, 01-581 4641. ATOL 1783. Also worldwide.

APRIL/MAY Bargains. Greek Islands Algarve, Menorca, Turkey. Villas, apts, hotels, + flights. Ventura 0742 331100

CORFU BARGAINS. April/May. Fr £169 1 wk; £179 2 wks. Villas/apts. Pan World Hols. 01 734 2562 ABTA/ATOL

FLIGHTS. Canaries, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy, Turkey, Sardinia. Faldor 01-471 0047 ATOL 1640 Access/Visa.

GREECE, TURKEY, Cyprus, Canaries - unspoilt resorts. (0923) 778344. Timeway Holidays. ABTA/ATOL 1107

MOROCCAN MAGIC - Holidays, flights, accom, car hire. Call Bagouil Holidays. 01 629 9712 ABTA 68636 ATOL 1178

WINTER/SPRING SUN bargains. Cyprus, Malta, Morocco, Greece, Malaga, Tenerife. Pan World: 734 2562 Abta/Atol

LUXURY VILLAS for the discerning few in Spain, Portugal, Greece. ITP Villaworld. 01 351 6944.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

★ITS ALL AT★
TRAILFINDERS
The best and we can prove it.
More low-cost flights via more routes to more destinations than any other agency
Available in Economy, Business & First Class
BUSINESS CLASS BEST BUYS

	O/W	RTN
NEW YORK	[illegible]	£599
LOS ANGELES	[illegible]	[illegible]
CHICAGO	£344	[illegible]
HOUSTON	[illegible]	£610
MEXICO	£453	[illegible]
DUBAI	[illegible]	[illegible]
MUSCAT	[illegible]	[illegible]
ABU DHABI	£344	[illegible]
DELHI	£508	[illegible]
BOMBAY	£466	[illegible]
HONG KONG	[illegible]	[illegible]
BANGKOK	[illegible]	[illegible]
TOKYO	[illegible]	[illegible]
SINGAPORE	£466	£966
SYDNEY	[illegible]	[illegible]
AUCKLAND	[illegible]	[illegible]
JO'BURG	£488	[illegible]
NAIROBI	[illegible]	£777

Around the World from £1,449
42-48, EARLS COURT ROAD,
LONDON W8 6EJ

1st & Business Class 01-938 3444
Long Haul Economy Flights
01-603 1515 & 01-937 5400
Europe USA Flights 01-937 5400
Government Licensed Bonded
ABTA IATA ATOL 1458

THE VERY BEST
Villa Holidays.

We are always able to supply a first class villa, even at the last minute. We have probably the finest selection in the Mediterranean including Italy, Algarve, S. France, Turkey, Corfu, Western Crete, Paxos. All have maid, some a cook and are on the beach or with pool. Prices included civilised day flights. Ring or call in for our brochure and personal recommendations.

CV Travel (T),
43 Cadogan Street, London, SW3 2PR
01 581 0851 (589 0132 - 24 hrs)
ABTA 2223C ATOL 337B

SYDNEY	£ 396	£ 659
AUCKLAND	£ 436	£ 750
JO'BURG	£ 252	£ 420
BANGKOK	£ 199	£ 359
DELHI	£ 210	£ 369
LOS ANGELES	£ 168	£ 336
BARBADOS	£ 219	£ 389

TOP DECK
FLIGHT CENTRE
01-370 6237

LOW COST FARES
CANADA - USA - AUSTRALIA
AUCKLAND - FAR EAST - S AMERICA
BANGKOK - MANILA - S AMERICA
BEST PRICES 1st CLUB, ECONOMY
Tel: 01 655 1101
VILLAS AND FLIGHTS
Portugal all areas. Villas, Apts, Hotels, Pousadas
01 656 6845
LONGMERE TRAVEL CENTRE
64 Shirley Rd, CROYDON CR0 7EP
ABTA 73196 Bonded

DISCOUNTED FARES

	Return		Return
JO'BURG/HAR	£485	DOUALA	£420
NAIROBI	£390	SYDNEY	£760
CAIRO	£230	AUCKLAND	£785
LAGOS	£360	HONG KONG	£550
DEL/BOMBAY	£350	MIAMI	£330
BANGKOK	£350	AND MANY MORE	

AFRO ASIAN TRAVEL LTD
162/168 Regent St, W1
TEL: 01-437 8255/6/7/8
Late & Group Bookings Welcome
AMEX/VISA ACCESS/DINERS

NEW LOW FARES ...

AMMAN	ISTANBUL
BAHRAIN	JEDDAH
BOM/DEL	KARACHI
CAIRO	NEW YORK
CALCUTTA	SEOUL
DAMASCUS	SIN/KUL
DUBAI	SYD/MEL
HONG KONG	TAIPEI
PEKING	TOKYO

SKYLORD TRAVEL LTD
2 DENMAN STREET, LONDON W1.
TEL: 01-439 2070/2242/3521/8007
AIRLINE BONDED

NORTH AMERICAN
TRAVEL CLUB

	O/W	RTN
NEW YORK	£99	£199
BOSTON	£99	£199
CHICAGO	£165	£296
L.A.	£199	£325
TORONTO	£130	£190
SYDNEY/MELB	£430	£640
AROUND THE WORLD	£699	

First & Club Class Special Discounts
01-437 5492 or 734 8100
22 Sackville St, London W1

Paris	£69	N YORK	£27
Frankfurt	£60	LA/SF	£35
Lagos	£320	Miami	£32
Nairobi	£325	Singapore	£42
Jo'burg	£460	Bangkok	£33
Cairo	£205	Katmandu	£44
Del/Bom	£335	Rangoon	£35
Hong Kong	£510	Calcutta	£42

Huge Discounts Avail on 1st & Club Class
SUN & SAND
21 Swallow St, London W1
01-439 2100/437 0537

TRAVEL SAVERS

	O/W	RTN
New York	£125	£230
L.A.	£159	£279
J'oburg	£265	£420
Australia	£375	£615
Florida	£145	£275
Toronto	£125	£170
Caribbean	–	£335
Auckland	£399	£745
Singapore	£205	£405

COMET TRAVEL
01-434 1091 (10 lines)

MONEMVASIA SE Peloponnese. Magnificent restored house, set in sea walls of this romantic ancient city, overlooking bathing place. 4 double bedrooms, huge sitting room, dining room, 2 bathrooms, vast terrace overlooking sea, kitchen, own garden. $300 per week. Available April to October Reply to BOX K99.

AFRICAN SEAT SPECIALISTS Other long haul destinations available. World Travel Centre. 01 878 8146. ABTA. IATA.

COSTCUTTERS ON flights/hols to Europe, USA & most destinations. Diplomat Travel. 01-730 2201. ABTA IATA ATOL.

1ST & CLUB Class flights, huge discounts. Sunworld Travel (est 1969). (03727) 26097/27109/27538.

WINTER SPORTS

SKI BEACH VILLAS
March/April Availability
MERIBEL, VERBIER, ANDORRA and ITALY
Staffed Chalet parties
from £179 p.p
air/chalet inclusive of
3 meals a day
Self-Catering - Air/chalet
inc. from £139
(0223) 311113 (24 hrs.)
ABTA 1415X ATOL381B
ACCESS/VISA/AMEX

VERBIER. A privately run chalet means flexibility. Superb facilities, sleeps 2-6, central location. Available week commencing 4th April. From £150 pp bw fully catered Phone David direct on 010 41 26 76218.

SKI WEST - Take advantage of excellent snow conditions and unbelievable end of March bargains. Deps. 28/29 March. 7 night chalet parties in Europe's top ski resorts ONLY £199 Limited availability. 01 785 9999. ATOL 1383. ABTA 64746

INSTANT SKI BARGAINS. March & April by air from Gatwick & Manchester. FLIGHT, HOTEL or FLAT, LIFT PASS, INSURANCE, evening meals. 1 wk from £139. Freedom Holidays 01-741 4471 (24 hrs). ATOL 432.

SNOW'S GOOD, weather's wonderful so, don't miss this opportunity to take a Ski Les Alpes holiday. Tel now for last few places & special offers from £188 including travel. 01 602 9766.

WEEKEND SKI BREAKS - Two full days skiing (Friday p.m. to Sunday p.m.) with Bladon Lines in Verbier, Meribel, or Courmayeur from just £149. 01 785 7771 ABTA 16723 ATOL 1232.

SKI ESPRIT. Loads of late snow have fallen - so to have our prices! Chalets in huge, high ski areas. Easter availabilities. Fleet (0252) 616789 (24 hrs) ABTA

VACANCES ELITE. Exclusive skiing in Verbier Switz. Where personal service, high standards and old fashioned values still count. 01 948 5127.

SKI FLIGHTS - Daily flights to major Alpine Airports from £90. Tel Ski West 01 785 9999. ATOL 1383. ABTA 64746.

WINTER SPORTS

BLADON LINES
The Biggest Choice On Skis
GREAT SNOW - GREAT SKIING
Deps. 28/29 March
UNBEATABLE SPRING SPECIALS
7 NIGHT CHALET PARTIES FB
ONLY £199
01-785-3131(Chalet Parties)
SELF CATERING from ONLY £109
Weekend Breaks from ONLY £149
01-785-7771 (Hotel & S/C)
Gen Enq. & 24 hr brochure request
Manchester Deps. 01-785-2200
0422 78121 ATOL 1232
ABTA 16723

SKI BARGAINS
SAVE OVER £100???
March/April departures catered chalets and clubhotels with free ski guiding & Swissair Sunday flights.
7 nights FROM £179
Val d'Isere, Verbier, Meribel, Salva, St. Anton, Courmayeur.
MARK WARNER
01-938 1851 (24 Hrs)
ATOL 1176B ABTA 20360

... FANTASTIC PRICES!!!
HIGH HIGH SKIING 3,000m
EXCELLENT CONDITIONS.

28 MARCH	£159
4 APRIL	£189
11 APRIL	£179
s/c from	£139

1 week catered chalets incl flts, incl surcharges & airport tax.
The Most Exciting Resorts!
SKI BONNE NEIGE
01 244 7333 or
01 370 0997/0256.
ATOL 2091

U.K. HOLIDAYS

ST IVES on Porthmeor beach. Superb modern apartment, sleeps 6. Perfect family holiday. From £160 per week. 05752 2642.

E CORNWALL. Peaceful Lodge cottage (slps 6) nr Sea/Moors. Tennis Walking. Ideal family holiday 05034-261.

SOUTH DEVON Sea. Peaceful spacious prvt sfr flat for 2/6 £98 - £154 pw. Tel: 01 794 0257/ 01 674 6650.

LUXURY SERVICED Flats in Kensington & Chelsea from £325pw + V.A.T. Call Townhouse Apts. 373 3433

SITUATIONS WANTED

SECRETARIES FOR ARCHITECTS & Designers. Permanent & temporary positions. AMSA Specialist Recruitment Consultants. 01 734 0532

DOMESTIC & CATERING SITUATIONS

NANNY Qualified or experienced, sole charge, happy 20 month old. Separate flat currently being renovated, bed and bath until flat ready. 01 731 3006.

OPPORTUNITY EXISTS - For Young Person to teach children Riding and to live with Family in South Germany Reply to BOX L29 .

HOUSEKEEPER/SECRETARY 45 years upwards, required for house in Somerset. Must have smart appearance, good secretarial/organisational skills and the ability to aid and supervise staff to maintain a high standard of housekeeping. Car driver essential. Live in. C.V. and refs, if possible, to BOX L75.

YOUNG, trained cooks for part-time work with small creative catering business. Ring 01-262 2125.

LEGAL NOTICES

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982.
SECTION 51
MUTUAL OF OMAHA INSURANCE COMPANY
MUTUAL OF OMAHA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company whose principal place of business in the United Kingdom is at Richmond House, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6EQ ("the Transferor") has applied to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under Section 51 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 for his approval of the transfer by the Transferor to Mutual of Omaha International Limited (which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company) and whose registered office is at 10 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DE ("the Transferee") of all rights and obligations under general policies of insurance entered into in the United Kingdom by the Transferor.

Copies of a Statement setting out particulars of the transfer are available for inspection at the offices of the Transferee at 10 Gough Square London EC4A 3DE between 9.30 am and 5.30 pm (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) until 31st May 1987.

Written representations concerning the transfer may be sent to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Insurance Division, Room 807, 10-18 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0NN before 31st May 1987. The Secretary of State will not determine the application until after considering any representations made to him before that date.

DATED Friday, 27th March 1987
ROBERT J. COLLING
On behalf of MUTUAL OF OMAHA INSURANCE COMPANY
HAROLD M. PAISNER
On behalf of MUTUAL OF OMAHA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982.
SECTION 51
CONSTITUTION INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
MUTUAL OF OMAHA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that Constitution Insurance Company of Canada whose principal place of business in the United Kingdom is at Richmond House, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6EQ ("the Transferor") has applied to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under Section 51 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 for his approval of the transfer by the Transferor to Mutual of Omaha International Limited (which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company) and whose registered office is at 10 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DE ("the Transferee") of all rights and obligations under general policies of insurance entered into in the United Kingdom by the Transferor.

Copies of a Statement setting out particulars of the transfer are available for inspection at the offices of the Transferee at 10 Gough Square London EC4A 3DE between 9.30 am and 5.30 pm (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) until 31st May 1987.

Written representations concerning the transfer may be sent to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Insurance Division, Room 807, 10-18 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0NN before 31st May 1987. The Secretary of State will not determine the application until after considering any representations made to him before that date.

DATED Friday, 27th March 1987
NICHOLAS J. PARKS
On behalf of CONSTITUTION INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
HAROLD M. PAISNER
On behalf of MUTUAL OF OMAHA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PHOENIX FURNACES (1985) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at The Charter Suite, The Grosvenor House Hotel, Charter Square, Sheffield S1 3EH on Thursday 9th April 1987 at 12.00 o'clock midday for the purposes mentioned in Section 98 et seq.

Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, situated at the offices of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB not later than 4.00 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday 8th April 1987.

Michael Jeffrey Isaacs FCA, Licensed Insolvency Practioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the day of the Meeting.

DATED this 18th day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. BEST
DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PORTFOLIO ARTS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at the Ladbroke Dragonara Hotel, Neville Street, Leeds LS1 4BX on Thursday 2nd April 1987 at 12.00 o'clock midday for the purposes mentioned in Section 98 et seq.

Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, situated at the offices of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB not later than 4.00 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday 1st April 1987.

P.S. Dunn FCA, Licensed Insolvency Practioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the day of the Meeting.

DATED this 10th day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. JOSEPH
DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PORTFOLIO FRAMES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at the Ladbroke Dragonara Hotel, Neville Street, Leeds LS1 4BX on Thursday 2nd April 1987 at 11.00 o'clock am for the purposes mentioned in Section 98 et seq.

Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, situated at the offices of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB not later than 4.00 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday 8th April 1987.

P.S. Dunn FCA, Licensed Insolvency Practioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the day of the Meeting.

DATED this 10th day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. JOSEPH
DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
ARCAN LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr Peter Richard Copp, Chartered Accountant of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA and Mr A J Armitage, Certified Accountant of Messrs Armitage & Co, Park House, Park Square West, Leeds LS1 2PS, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 10 March 1987.

DATED this 16th day of March 1987
P.R. COPP
JOINT LIQUIDATOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
A.S. (ANGLO-SWISS) JEWELLERS & CO LTD
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr Raymond Hocking, Chartered Accountant of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA was appointed Liquidators of the above named company on 4th March 1987.

DATED this 16th day of March 1987
R. HOCKING
LIQUIDATOR

SPURTRADE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Clifton Ford Hotel, 47 Welbeck Street, London W1 on 3rd day of April 1987 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

DATED this 20th day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
K. VYAS
DIRECTOR

TURNEDPARTS MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Clifton Ford Hotel, 47 Welbeck Street, London W1 on 1st April 1987 at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

DATED this 16th day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G.W. HOWARD
DIRECTOR

J.F. COYLE CONTRACTORS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC4 on 1st April 1987 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

DATED this 16th day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J. COYLE
DIRECTOR

COMPANY NOTICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Govenors will be held at the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Crown Lane, Streatham, London SW16 3JB at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 27th May 1987, to transact the following business:-

1. To receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1986.
2. To elect Members of the Board of Management in place of those retiring by rotation. In accordance with Clause 8 of the charter the following Members of the board retire by rotation. Being eligible, they offer themselves for re-election.
   - Mr. D.W.Allen
   - Mr.J.H.Allan
   - Mr.B P.Barrett
   - Mr W H.Gibson
   - Dr.C.J.Goodwill
   - Mr H.C.O'Neill
   - Dr.A.Potter
3. To appoint Auditors.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION

1. The Charity called St Michael's College
2. The Charity of Sir Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley
3. The Charity called St Michael's College Re-Endowment Fund
4. The Charity known as the Second Re-Endowment Fund
5. The Charity known as the Building Fund
6. Various Prize Funds and other charities administered in connection with St Michael's College Tenbury Hereford and Worcester

Scheme for regulation of the Charities
Reference: 527, 519 A/3

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 527, 519 A/3) at Graeme House, Derby Square, Liverpool, L2 7SB, and may be seen at Norris & Miles, Solicitors, 6 Market Square, Tenbury, Hereford and Worcester. Objections and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

To Place Your Classified Advertisement

Please telephone the appropriate number listed below between 9am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, or between 9.30am and 1.00pm on Saturdays.

Birth, Marriage and Death Notices 01-481 4000

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone. For publication the following day please telephone by 1.30pm. Marriage notices not appearing on the Court & Social page may also be accepted by telephone.

Trade Advertisers:

Appointments	01-481 4481
Public Appointments	01-481 1066
Property	01-481 1986
Travel	01-481 1989
U.K. Holidays	01-488 3698
Motors	01-481 4422
Personal	01-481 1920
Business to Business	01-481 1982
Education	01-481 1066
Private	01-481 4000

Forthcoming Marriages, Weddings, etc for the Court and Social Page
Cannot be accepted by Telephone

Please send Court and Social Page notices to:

Court & Social Advertising,
Times Newspapers Ltd.,
1, Pennington Street,
London E1 9DD

Please allow at least 48 hours before publication. Any enquiries for the Court & Social page may be made after 10.30am on 01-822 9953

You may use your Access, Amex, Diners or Visa card.

هكذا من الأصل

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday, followed in the Saturday section by a preview of the week ahead. Items for inclusion should be sent to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
★ Returns only

THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE ARKLEY BARNET SHOW:** Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket present their refined medley of ballads and bared teeth. *Last days.*
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, London SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 5.30-7.45pm and 8.30-10.45pm, £4-£10.

☆ **COUNTRY DANCING:** How folk dancing almost died out in rural England - Nigel Williams's attractive *play from Stratford 86. Good tunes.*
Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Blackfriars/Moorgate. Previews 7.30-9pm, matinée Sat 2-3.30pm, £7.50.

☆ **DANTON'S DEATH:** The Rude Mechanicals continue their German season with Buchner's perceptive drama of the French Revolution.
Young Vic Studio Theatre, *66 The* Cut, London SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, £5, until March 28.

☆ **FAIR MAID OF THE WEST:** Imelda Staunton as the pirate queen in Thos Heywood's comedy of love and high jinks on the high seas. An RSC production.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, London EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.45pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 2-5.15pm, £4.50-£12.50.

☆ ***THE HENRYS:*** Michael Bogdanov's impressive productions of Shakespeare's Henry plays, with Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and *Henry V, and John Woodvine as* Falstaff.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7616, cc 01-261 1821). Tube: Waterloo. *Henry IV* part 1 Sat *10.30am-1.30pm, Henry IV part 2* today 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 3-6pm, *Henry V* Sat 7.45-10.45pm, £3-£10.50 (special ticket for all three plays £24), until May 2.

☆ **KATHIE AND THE HIPPOPOTAMUS:** The uses of fantasy in a travel-writer's diary. Award-winner from Edinburgh by the Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa. Last week.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury and Islington. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £6, until March 28.

★ **MACBETH:** Adrian Noble's imaginative production from Stratford 86; Jonathan Pryce a ferocious regicide. Sold out until *June.*
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Previews 7.30-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2-4.20pm, £5.50-£12, *until July 4.*

☆ **A PIECE OF MY MIND:** George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols's play covering 20 years of a writer's life.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Previews Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8-10.20pm, matinée Sat 5-7.20pm, £3.50-£11.50.

☆ **SCOUT'S HONOUR:** Left-wing council inherits fascist money and farcical results ensue. Often hilarious. *Last days.*
Lyric Theatre, King Street, London W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm. £5-£10, until March 28.

☆ **WONDERFUL TOWN:** Marvellous Maureen Lipman in Bernstein's zippy musical. Last days.
Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 0120/1166/7 or 01-439 3849). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, *matinée Sat 5-7.30pm, £6-£16, until* March 28.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre *(01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)* . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre *(01-734 8951)* . . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ ***Me and My Girl:*** *Adelphi* Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** *St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443,* cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out *until October.* Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-*930 3216, cc 01-379 6565)* . . . ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre *(01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837)* . . . ★ ***Time:*** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BRIGHTON: ☆ **The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui:** Griff Rhys Jones as Brecht's gangster leader learning how to rule the world.
Theatre Royal, New Road (0273 28488) Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinée Sat 5-7.30pm, £3-£9, until March 28.

CAMBRIDGE: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Cambridge Theatre Company returns to base with Michael Maloney playing Ibsen's feckless hero.
Arts Theatre, Peas Hill (0223 352000). Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £6-£6.50, until March 28.

LANCASTER: ☆ **Salonika:** Award-winning play by Louise Page, age, youth and a ghost from the past meet on the once bloody battleground.
Dukes Theatre, Moor Lane (0524 66645), Tues-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, £2.50-£4.75, until March 28.

LEICESTER: ☆ ***Bophal:*** The electrifying production by the Earth Players of Johannesburg: passion, humour and humanity.
Haymarket Theatre Studio, *Belgrave Gate (0533 539797),* Fri and Sat 8.15-9.35pm, £3, until March 28.

LIVERPOOL: ★ **Comedians:** See caption.
Everyman Theatre, Hope Street (051 709 4776), Tues-Sat 8-10.20pm, £2.50-£4.50, until May 2.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Alchemist:** Ben Jonson's *sharp comedy of dupes and swindlers in Jacobean* London.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833) Fri and Sat 8-10.55pm, matinée *Sat 4-6.50pm.* £2.50-£9, until March 28.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **My Mother Said I Never Should:** Charlotte Keatley's *four generations of women tangling* up their children in knots of love and sorrow. Well worth seeing.
Contact Theatre, Oxford Road (061 274 4400). Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, *£3.75, until March 28.*

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **The Heat of the Day:** Elizabeth Bowen's atmospheric novel of war-torn *London adapted and staged by.* Shared Experience.
Crucible Studio Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £3.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⌂ **Advance booking possible**

84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U): The story of the transatlantic romance between Helene Hanff (Anne Bancroft), book-crazed New Yorker, and a retiring London antiquarian bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). David Jones directs the tasteful drama (99 min).
⌂ **Curzon Mayfair** (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD** *(15): Polished version of the* Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 3.00, 5.35, 8.15, 11.20.
⌂ ***Cannon Fulham Road*** *(01-370* 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
⌂ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs *1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.*
⌂ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **THE COLOR OF MONEY (15):** *Paul Newman returns to the pool* table in a belated sequel to The Hustler. Martin Scorsese works hard whipping up excitement as Fast Eddie Nelson tries to get back *into the game, spurred by jealousy* of a young protegé played by Tom Cruise (119 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.15.
⌂ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 2.15, 5.45, 8.40, 11.55.
⌂ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.40, 5.10, 8.10.

■ **THE FLY (18):** Jeff Goldblum – *an inspired choice* – plays the experimental scientist undergoing a metamorphosis. Directed by David Cronenberg (96 min).
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs *2.00, 4.05, 6.10, 8.15,* 11.00.
⌂ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 8.55.

THE FOURTH PROTOCOL (15): Old-fashioned entertainment based on Frederick Forsyth's novel about a Soviet plan to sabotage Nato with a covertly assembled atomic bomb. *Michael Caine, ever watchable, is* the maverick spycatcher (119 min).
⌂ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, cc 01-930 3232/01-839 1929). Progs 1.15, 4.30, 7.45, 11.15.

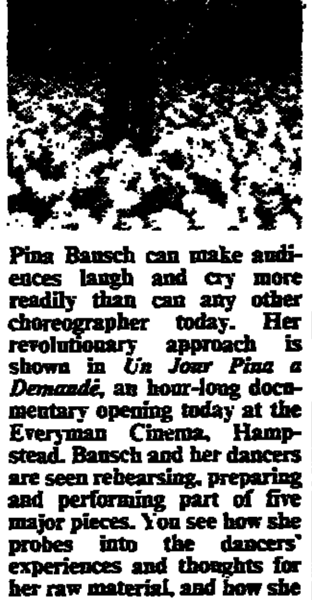
■ **THE GOLDEN CHILD (PG):** Eddie Murphy as a social worker in a bizarre mixture of sentimentality, special effects and Hong Kong *hooey (94 min).*
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901) Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40, 11.20.
⌂ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.15.

UN JOUR PINA A DEMANDÉ: See caption.
Hampstead Everyman (01-435 1525). Progs 2.05, 5.05, 8.00.

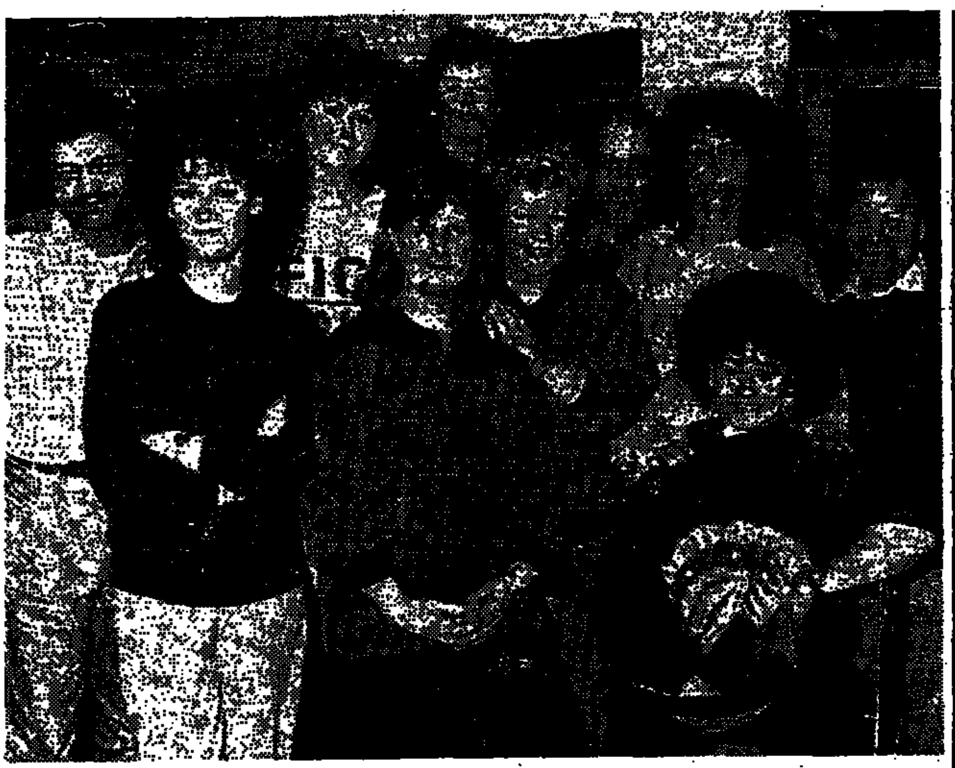
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (PG): Eccentric story of a boy, a girl and a man-eating plant. Lavishly *designed. With Rick Moranis, Ellen* Greene *and many cameo* appearances. Directed by Muppet man Frank Oz (94 min).
⌂ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, *cc 01-373 6990*). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.45.
⌂ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40, 11.15.

■ **THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG):** Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in an atmospheric adventure, based on Paul Theroux's novel about a family taking refuge in Central America's rivers and jungle. Directed by Peter Weir (119 min).
⌂ **Minema** (01-235 4225). Progs 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15.
⌂ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 5.45, 8.30, 11.30.
⌂ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.35, 5.05, 8.20.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.35, 5.30, 8.10.

■ **NAME OF THE ROSE (18):** Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud; with Sean Connery (131 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00, 11.15.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.10.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.15, 2.40, 5.25, 8.15, 11.15.
⌂ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.15, 4.55, 8.00.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 5.10, 8.00.



Pina Bausch can make audiences laugh and cry more readily than can any other choreographer today. Her revolutionary approach is shown in *Un Jour Pina a Demandé*, an hour-long documentary opening today at the Everyman Cinema, Hampstead. Bausch and her dancers are seen rehearsing, preparing and performing part of five major pieces. You see how she probes into the dancers' experiences and thoughts for her raw material, and how she choreographs movement, music, songs and talk into a unique and unsettling whole. Newcomers to this work may well find themselves hooked.



During last summer's Festival of Comedy at the Everyman Theatre, Liverpool, one of the organizers, Kate Rowland, wondered what could be done to improve opportunities for female comediennes. She remembered Trevor Griffiths's 1975 play *Comedians*, in which would-be comics have their skills polished by an old pro in the hope of impressing a London agent, and she asked Griffiths if he would consider arranging a sex-change. He agreed, made the necessary re-writes with the help of the actresses chosen for the parts, and now all the hopefuls as well as their instructor are women. Many of the jokes are new, but a sequence remaining virtually unaltered is the corrosive act put together by the rebellious comic Gethryn Price, a part that propelled Jonathan Pryce to stardom. In the revived *Comedians* the renamed part of Glenys Price is played by Cheryl Maiker, whose recent television work includes the daughter in *Fighting Back*. Ann Mitchell (the powerful leader of the *Widows*) plays the pro, and her class of girls includes two who already have their own established club acts. Opens tonight in Liverpool. *Jeremy Kingston*

SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT (18): Cheeky, rough and ready American independent film about the sexual *adventures of a black girl in* Brooklyn. Written and directed by Spike Lee (84 min).
⌂ **Gate Cinema** (01-727 4043). Progs 3.00, 4.30, 6.05, 7.40, 9.25, *11.15.*
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.30, 4.15, 6.00, 7.45, 9.30, 11.15.
⌂ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 5.25, 7.20, 9.15, *11.15.*

STAND BY ME (15): The adventures of four small-town adolescent boys in the summer of *1959. The film has a soundtrack* decorated with period pop tunes. Directed by Rob Reiner (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.
Cannon Haymarket *(01-839 1527).* Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.15.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, *6.35, 8.35, 11.15.*

CONCERTS

☆ **SINOPOLI/PHILHARMONIA:** Giuseppe Sinopoli conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Wagner's Prelude to Act I of *Lohengrin and Siegfried Idyll* and in Richard Strauss's *Tod und Verklärung*. Also Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 with soloist André Watts.
Festival Hall, *South Bank, London* SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£12.

☆ **MICHELANGELI/SNO:** Fauré's *Pelléas et Mélisande* and Ravel's *Ma Mère l'Oye* Suites are performed by the Scottish National Orchestra under Umberto Michelangeli, with the Scottish *National Chorus joining in for* Verdi's *Quattro Pezzi Sacri.*
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155), 7.30-9.45pm, £2-£8.80.

☆ **CARL DOLMETSCH:** Playing variously-sized recorders, Carl Dolmetsch, with Joseph Saxby (harpsichord) and other players *perform a mixed bag of items.*
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£4.50.

☆ **PESEK/RLPO:** Libor Pešek conducts the *Royal Liverpool* Philharmonic in *Mozart's Il Seraglio* Overture, Smetana's symphonic poem *Vltava* and Mahler's Symphony No 5.
City Hall, Barkers Pool, *Sheffield* (0742 735295), 7.30-9.30pm, £1.70-5.70.

☆ **LION RECITAL:** Margaret Lion plays piano sonatas by Haydn (Hob XVI/32) and Beethoven (Op 109), Falla's *Pièces Espagnoles*, Debussy's *Estampes*, as well as Rimmer's Preludes of Light.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.05pm, £2-£4.

☆ **DAVID HILL:** This organist, Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral, performs pieces including Bach's *C minor, G minor* and Fugue, a Voluntary in *D minor* by Stanley, two pieces by Brahms, Mendelssohn's Sonata No 4 and some Buxtehude.
German Christ Church, 19 Montpelier Place, London SW7 (01-940 4127), 7.30-8.30pm, £1.50.

☆ **PARIS BACH:** In a programme entitled "Bach *and the Cities of* Europe – Paris" the London Bach Orchestra plays Johann Sebastian's Suites Nos 1 and 2, and pieces by Rameau, Lully and *Leclair. Nicholas Kraemer* conducts.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45-9.40pm, £3.50-£8.

OPERA

★ ***TOSCA: Phyllis Cannan valiant*** in the title role with Rodney Macann as the Scarpia in Jonathan Miller's controversial production set in Nazi-occupied Rome.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 8-10.45pm, £2-£18.50.

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** New Sadler's *Wells Opera tour Ian Judge's witty,* elegantly-staged production of the G & S mock-melodrama, strongly cast and well sung.
Grand Theatre, Lichfield Street, *Wolverhampton* (0902 714775), 7.30-10.20pm, £5-£10.

☆ **UN BALLO IN MASCHERA:** *Göran Järvefelt's powerful* production for Welsh National Opera with Christine Teare as the Amelia.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486), 7.15-10.30pm, £7.50-£18.50.

☆ **CINDERELLA:** Opera 80's handsomely staged, well-sung *travelling production of Rossini's* panto-opera.
Opera House, Water Street, Buxton (0298 71010), 7.30-10.20pm, £4-£9.

DANCE

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** Ravenna Tucker and Philip Broomhead dance the leads in Anthony Dowell's controversial production for the Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£22.50.

☆ **ASTRAKAN:** Solos, duets and film by Daniel Larrieu's company from Paris.
The Place, Dukes Road, London *WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £4.*

☆ **ALLEGRO DIVERSI:** David Bintley's latest hit, to Rossini music, is joined by new works by Susan Crow, Derek Deane and Graham Lustig in Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet programme.
Theatre Royal, Angel Parade, Plymouth (0752 669595), 7.30-10pm, £3-£9.

JAZZ

☆ **ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ:** Now based in Paris, this Cuban salsa pianist numbers Celia Cruz and Johnny Pacheco among his former employers. Roberto Pla's sextet will provide accompaniment.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, *£4.50.*

☆ **MASQUALERO:** The Norwegian *bassist Arild Andersen leads this* interesting quintet, which also includes his long-time partner, the drummer Jon Christensen.
Queen's Hotel, Cheltenham (0242 *523690), 7.30pm, ring for prices.*

☆ **ELVIN JONES:** His Jazz Machine is always a group worth hearing, but the real focal point is Jones himself, a drummer whose volcanic playing with the late John Coltrane's quartet set the style for a generation.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£6 members).

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1(1) The Color of Money
2(–) The Fourth Protocol
3(4) Crocodile Dundee
4(3) Children of Lesser God
5(5) Stand By Me
6(6) She's Gotta Have It
7(7) The Name of the Rose
8(9) A Room With A View
9(8) The Mosquito Coast
10(10) Golden Child
Supplied by *Screen International*

UNITED STATES:
1(1) Lethal Weapon
2(–) Burglar
3(3) Platoon
4(2) Nightmare on Elm St 3
5(4) Tin Men
6(9) Mannequin
7(6) Angel Heart
8(10) Hoosiers
9(8) Outrageous Fortunes
10(7) Some Kind of Wonderful
Supplied by: Exhibitor Relations Co Inc/*Screen International*

OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 The Color of Money
2 The Fly
3 Crocodile Dundee
4 Castaway
5 *Nightmare on Elm Street 2*
Supplied by: *Screen International*

VIDEO RENTALS:
1 The Jewel of the Nile
2 Out of Africa
3 Commando
4 Cobra
5 *The Hitcher*
Supplied by: *Video Business*

ROCK

☆ **GREEN ON RED AND STEVE EARLE:** *Great double bill featuring the roots-rockers from LA and the Nashville star of this year's "New Country" campaign.*
International, 47 Anson Road, *Manchester (061 224 5050), 8pm,* £4.

★ **ELKIE BROOKS:** Having been written-off by her former record company, *A & M, she negotiated a* new contract with Legend and scored the biggest hit of her career with last year's "No More The Fool".
Conference Centre, *Russell Road, Brighton* (0273 203131), 7.30pm, £7.50-£9.50.

★ **THE STRANGLERS:** The bald *aggression that characterized their* early hits has been replaced by a suave sophistication, reflected in the jazzy Booker T riff on the current single, "Shakin' Like A Leaf".
Lees Cliff Hall, The Leas, Folkestone (0303 54695), 7pm, £5-£6.

☆ ***THE CULT:*** *From their Bradford* days as The Southern Death Cult to the current Rick Rubin-inspired gothic metal crossover, Ian Astbury and Co. have confounded negative critical expectations as surely as they have gathered hordes of devoted followers.
Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222), 7pm, £6.

☆ ***MARY COUGHLAN:*** The 30-year-old singer from Galway offers a spiked cocktail of late-night jazz, folk and blues that has prompted people to compare her with Billie Holiday.
Mean Fiddler, 28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490), 8pm, £5, for two nights.

GALLERIES

FROM BYZANTIUM TO EL GRECO: A rare opportunity to see important *Greek icons and frescoes, including* the earliest known work by El Greco.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), daily *10-6pm, £2.50, until June 21.*

EAST CHRISTIAN ART: In the wake of the Royal Academy's show arrives another 100 Greek and *Russian icons and sundry items of* East European decorative art.
Bernheimer Fine Arts, 32 St George Street, London W1 (01-499 0293), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, free, *until May 1.*

LANDSCAPES: An exhibition examining the relationship between five artists, including Adrian Berg (Regent's Park) and Dennis Creffield (Brighton Pier), and the subjects which obsess them.
Castlefield Gallery, 5 Campfield Avenue Arcade, Manchester (061 832 8034), Tues-Sat 10.30-5.30pm, Sun 12.30-4.30, free, until April 25.

VIVIEN BLACKETT: Today is the last time the gallery's artist-in-residence will be opening her studio doors to the public, between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free.

BRUSH, PEN AND PENCIL: 125 pictures from 1890 to 1930, made by the gents of the London Sketch Club.
King Street Galleries, 17 King Street, London SW1 (01-930 3993), Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Thurs 9.30-8pm, Sat 9.30-1pm, free, until April 11.

HAIR RAISING: Daft hairstyles from all periods of art, some of which, especially the 18th century's towering macaroni wig, make punk rockers look conservative.
Whitworth Art Gallery, Whitworth Park, Manchester (061 273 4865), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Thurs 10am-9pm, free, until May 7.

WALKS

THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: meet Baker Street tube, 11am, £2.25.

DR JOHNSON'S LONDON: meet at the Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

17th CENTURY GREAT FIRE AND **PLAGUE:** meet Monument tube (Fish Street Hill entrance), 2pm, £2.25.

HAUNTED LONDON – A GHOST WALK: *meet at Covent Garden* tube, 7.30pm (ends in a pub), £2.50.

TALKS

THE YOUNG QUEEN VICTORIA: A talk given by Elizabeth Longford as part of a series to mark the 150th anniversary of Queen Victoria's ascension to the throne.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), 1.10pm, free.

OPENING THE DOOR – *MEDICINE* **AS COMPLEMENT:** Lecture by Robin Price of the Wellcome *Institute for the History of Medicine.* Third in a series of talks on the effect of cultural factors on the divisions that arise between ethnic, national and other groups. *Organized by the Insitute for* Cultural Research.
Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1 (info 01-994 0853), 7.30pm, £3.

OTHER EVENTS

PERFORMANCES: *THE STAGE IN* **PRINT 1700-1920:** Fascinating *exhibition of original engravings* and lithographs illustrating theatre, opera and dance from the 18th to the early 20th century. Among the exhibits are prints of Sara Siddons, Henry Irving, Edmund Kean and Carlotta Grisi and many original posters.
The Lyre Room, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002), today to April 20, daily, 10am-10pm, free.

SPRINGFIELD GARDENS: *Official* spring opening of one of the country's leading show gardens. Spring nevertheless is a little late this year and the bulbs for which the gardens are most famous will not be at their best for about two weeks.
Springfield Horticultural Society, Spalding, Lincolnshire (0775 4843), 10am-6pm, adult £1.50, *child under* 16 free.

THE DALES ANTIQUES FAIR: Opening day of a three-day fair with *most items to pre-1880* datelines including furniture, porcelain, silver, jewellery, textiles, watercolours. Catering and licensed bar.
Ampleforth College, near York, *North Yorkshire.* Today 11am-9pm, adult £1.50, child free.

GROWING SPACE: Town gardens exhibition, in conjunction with the R. H. S. Today's expert gives rose pruning demonstrations.
Selfridges Exhibition Hall, Oxford Street, London W1 (01-629 1234), 9am-5.30pm, free.

MICHAEL O'CONNELL **AND SEAN O'SHEA:** An evening of traditional Irish music on accordian and fiddle performed by winners of the All Ireland Music Competition.
Watermans Arts Centre Foyer, High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (01-568 1176), 7.45pm-10.45pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BRITTEN STRING QUARTET: Chamber ensemble which took its name from performing in the long interval of Britten opera at Glyndebourne, makes its Wigmore Hall debut, in a programme of Mozart, Britten and Verdi. Booking opens today. April 27.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141).

BACH ST MATTHEW PASSION: *London Handel Choir and* Orchestra perform in the context of the service of Vespers, with Rogers *Covey-Crump, Stephen Varcoe and* Gillian Fisher. April 17. Tickets £4-£11.
St Georges, Hanover Square, London W1 (01-828 6913).

A CHORUS LINE: First British tour. Venues for May to June Darlington Civic Theatre (0325 486555), Blackpool Grand Theatre (0253 28372), Hull New Theatre (0482 20463), and Eastbourne Congress Theatre (0323 36363).

LAST CHANCE

WILLIAM HEATH ROBINSON (1872-1944): 330 drawings, illustrations and paintings by gentle humorist and satirist. Ends today.
Chris Beetles Ltd, 10 Ryder Street, London SW1 (01-839 7551).

KISSING AND CRYING: Display of *entries to Family Welfare* Association's national children's poetry competition. Ends today.
Barbican Library, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

CHARLES MERYON: First exhibition for over 50 years by 19th century French printmaker, in Garton and Cooke's new gallery. Ends today.
Garton and Cooke, 39-42 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 2820).

FRED CUMING: Landscapes and seascapes by a subtle colourist and Royal Academician. Ends tomorrow.
New Grafton Gallery, 49 Church Road, Barnes, London SW13 (01-*748 6850*).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891 Tod PRIVATE EVENT Tomor 7.45 ARTURO BENEDETTI MICHELANGELI Piano Recital.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME. Perf now ends 10.45). Tomor 3.00 & 7.30 The Mikado

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911 Stdby info 836 6903. S CC Tickets £1-£22.50 /£13.50 Mats (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day Ton't 7.30. Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Swan Lake (new production). Ballet casting info: 01 240 9815

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee) Eves 7.30 Sat Mat 2.30 Until 28 March FINAL WEEK. KODO JAPANESE DRUMMERS Supper and refreshments available after the show Batsheva Dance Company from Israel opens March 31st

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr 7 day CC 240 7200 (bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO OCT 31 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 CC 379 6565/ Open All Hours 379 6433 (no bkg fee)/741 9999. Mon-Thurs 8pm. Fri & Sat 7.30 & 9.30pm "A GLITTERING DIAMOND OF A SHOW" Ind. "AN AMAZING, EXUBERANT MUSICAL" Times Review MARCH OF THE FALSETTOS by William Finn Also bookable through First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) 24hr 7 day

APOLLO Shaftesbury Ave 01 437 2663 434 3598 cc First Call 24-hr 7 day 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999 Now Previewing Opens April 1st at 7.00 GEORGE COLE ANNA CARTERET in A PIECE OF MY MIND A new play by PETER NICHOLS Evgs 7.30 Sats 5.00 & 8.00 Wed Mats 2.30

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233 01 741 9999 DOROTHY TUTIN SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB STEVEN MACKINTOSH ROBERT GLENISTER in NEIL SIMON'S BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS Directed by MICHAEL RUDMAN A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times "It will run for a long time" Time Out Eves Mon - Fri 7.30 Mats Weds 3.0 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 6433 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 01 930 6123. OVER 100 PERFORMANCES

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171 First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner 4 "BEST PLAY" awards

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 CC 630 6262 Party Bkgs 828 6188 First Call CC (24hr) 240 7200 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from WH Smith Travel Branches Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION" D Exp STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Special concessions at £5 on Tues mats for OAP's NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER

BARBICAN 01 628 8795/ 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE ton't 7.30, tomor 2.00 & 7.30 MACBETH, ROMEO AND JULIET from 9 April, RICHARD II from 30 April. THE PIT ton't 7.30, tomor 2.00 & 7.30 COUNTRY DANCING by Nigel Williams. SARCOPHAGUS by Vladimir Gubaryev from 9 April. WORLDS APART by Jose Triana from 29 April

COMEDY THEATRE 930 2578 cc 240 7200 Grps 930 6123 HINGE AND BRACKET "A wonderfully funny duo" S.Tel Mon-Thu 8, Fri & Sat 6.30 & 8.30 ENDS TOMORROW

COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National theatre's small auditorium) Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 YERMA by Lorca, new version by Peter Luke. Mon 7.30, Tue 2.30 & 7.30 A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE Wed, Thur 7.30 ILEA FESTIVAL.

COMEDY 930 2578 cc 240 7200/ 379 6433/ 741 9999 Grps 930 6123 SPIN OF THE WHEEL THE SHOWBIZ GAME SHOW A New Musical Mon-Thur 8 Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.30 Prevs from 3 Apr Opens 7 Apr 7pm

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/ 379 6433 All Hrs/ 741 9999. Grps 836 3962. Evgs 8 Thu mat 2.30 Sat 6.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company JEFFREY HOLLAND DEREK GRIFFITHS ALFRED MARKS LINDA HAYDEN JILLI FOOT GARETH HUNT RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,600 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex Good seats avail Thurs mats.

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845 580 9562. ALL tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 NO BOOKING FEE Grp Sales 930 6123 cc 741 9999. OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 DAVE CLARK'S TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE CLIFF RICHARD AS 'THE ROCK STAR' THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 4 & 8.15 SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail 1 hr before perf. SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T From Apr 13 DAVID CASSIDY as "The Rock Star" NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108 01-240 9066/7 First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby Group Sales 930 6123 BOOKING NOW UNTIL 1988

DUCHESS S 836 8243 CC 240 9648 CC 24 hr/7 day 240 7200 & CC 379 6433 Eves 8 Wed mat 3 Sat 5 & 8 NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC Open All Hours 379 6565/6433 DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER "Stunningly good" BBC as Billie Holiday in LADY DAY Written and directed by Stephen Stahl Latecomers cannot be admitted until the interval. Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri 8.30. Sat 6.00 & 8.30 Transferring to Piccadilly Theatre, Opens April 10th

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122/836 9837 24 Hr cc 240 7200 741 9999 379 6433. Grps 930 6123. Eves 8. Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1986 STEPPING OUT Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Std THIRD HILARIOUS YEAR

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999. Evgs Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 8.30 Mat Thur/Sat 3pm. NUNSENSE Starring HONOR BLACKMAN Anna Sharkey Pip Hinton Louise Gold Bronwen Stanway THE FUNNY NUNNY MUSICAL

GARRICK 379 6107 cc 24hr 379 6433 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) WILLIAM GAUNT SUSIE BLAKE MICHAEL SHARVELL-MARTIN WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR...TROUSERS? By Ray Galton & John Antrobus Based on a story by Galton & Simpson. Directed by Roger Smith Prevs from Apr 1. Opens Apr 14. Eves 8. Mats Tues 3. Sat 5

GLOBE 01 437 3667 cc 741 9999 1st Call 240 7200 24 hr 7 day bkg fee: Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 8pm. Sats 5.0 & 8.30 OBSERVER OLIVIER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT 1986 GLENDA JACKSON JOAN PLOWRIGHT in Lorca's "thrilling" Obs THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA with PATRICIA HAYES as Maria Josefa Nuria Espert - Best Director Standard Drama Awards '86 EXTENDED TO MAY 30

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc bkgs K Prowse 01 741 9999 (no bkg fee) First Call 24 hrs 01 240 7200 (bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mat Sat 2.30 Chekhov's THREE SISTERS "Excellent translation by Michael Frayn .. the production makes full and illuminating contact with the play" Times "Triumphant revival.. a conspicuously strong cast" Std.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box office & CC 01-930 9832. 1st Call 24hr/7day cc bkgs 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 6433/741 9999 Eves 8 Wed & Sat mats 3 DEREK JACOBI in "A Truly Mesmerising Performance" S.Times BREAKING THE CODE by HUGH WHITEMORE Joanna David Isabel Dean Michael Gough Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS "THIS HUMAN, HUMANE, SERIOUS AND GRIPPING PLAY...VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED" S Times

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6131 First Call CC 240 7200 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Starring MICHAEL CRAWFORD SARAH BRIGHTMAN STEVE BARTON Claire Moore plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 New Booking to March '88 - Postal applications only. NB Casting subject to change APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

KINGS HEAD 226 1916 THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE. "A Comic Masterpiece" Obs. Dnr 7. Show 8pm. Sun Mats Dnr 2. Show 3pm

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311 Until Tomorr Ton't 7.45. Tomor 4.00 & 7.45 SCOUT'S HONOUR by Christopher Douglas. LYRIC STUDIO Eves 8pm Arnold Wesker's YARDSALE and WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BETTY LEMON with Brenda Bruce

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave. W1. 01 437 3686/7. 434 1550. 434 1050. 734 5166/ 7. Eves 8pm Mat Wed 3pm Sat 4.30 & 8.15pm James Baldwin's THE AMEN CORNER "Heart-warming, heart-breaking" D Tel 24hr 7 day cc bkngs (no fee) FIRST CALL 240 7200, K Prowse 741 9999.

LYTTELTON 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Ton't 7.45 Tomor 2.15 (low price mat) & 7.45 COMING IN TO LAND by Stephen Poliakoff. Mon, Wed 7.45, Tue 2.15 (low price mat) & 7.45 SCHOOL FOR WIVES. Thur 7.45 THE MAGISTRATE. Ton't 6pm Simon Gray. 45 min platform perf all tkts £2.00

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036 Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S M THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times SEVENTH THRILLING YEAR

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568/ 01 638 8891 (Mon-Sat 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY ton't 7.30. tomor 2.00 & 7.30 THE FAIR MAID OF THE WEST by Thomas Heywood.

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES under OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/ COTTESLOE Excellent cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10 am. RESTAURANT (928 2033). EASY CAR PARK. Info 633 0880

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Group Bookings 01 405 1567 or 01 930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 Postal & Phone bkgs only accepted for perfs June 1 - Jan 2 1988

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Until May 2. Mon-Fri 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30, Sats 10.30am, 3.00 & 7.45 English Shakespeare Co in THE HENRYS Henry IV Part 1, Henry IV Part 2 & Henry V Dir. by Michael Bogdanov "Pace, importance, energy and theatrical verve" D Tel "A crack company... zeal, exhilaration.. brilliant new invention" Times "THRILLING SHAKESPEARE" LO News CC Nos (bkg fee): 1st Call 240 7200/Open All Hours 379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Royal Shakespeare Company "THRILLING" (Today) in "Cole Porter's glorious musical" D.Tele KISS ME KATE Previews from May 6 Now booking! cc Nos (bkg fee): 1st Call 240 7200/Open All Hours 379 6433/ KP 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123

OLIVIER 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Ton't 7.15. Tomor 2.00 (low price mat) & 7.15 SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR by Pirandello, new version by Nicholas Wright.

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek Now booking to January 88 MAT SEATS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE ON DAY On Monday eves and Thurs mats the part of Florence will be played by Siobhan McCarthy.

PHOENIX THEATRE 01-836 2294 cc 01-741 9999 Reduced Price Previews from April 10 Opens Tue April 21 at 7.00 MICHAEL DENISON GABRIELLE DRAKE LEE MONTAGUE in COURT IN THE ACT A farce in three acts Directed by GRAHAM MURRAY Evgs Mon-Fri 8.00 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 Mats Thurs 3.00 First call 24hr 7 day cc booking 01-240 7200 (bkg fee)

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565 Open All Hours/379 6433 741 9999 EXTENDED TO APR 3 FASCINATING AIDA Directed by Nica Burns in 'Their New Show '87' "CONTINUOUSLY, SHARPLY FUNNY" Std. Tue & Wed 8pm. Thur, Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9.30. No perf Mon

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/ 6433. Open All Hours. Groups 836 3962. OPENS APRIL 10 following sell-out Season at Donmar Warehouse DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER "A virtuoso performance" BBC as Billie Holiday in LADY DAY Written and Directed by Stephen Stahl Mon-Fri 8.00. Sat 5.30 & 8.30

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 First Call 24Hr 7Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H.Smith Travel Branches. THE MUSICAL SENSATION LES MISERABLES "IF YOU CAN'T GET A TICKET - STEAL ONE" Std Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval BEAT THE TOUTS BY ENQUIRING FOR RETURNS AT THE BOX OFFICE. Seats avail Thurs Mat.

PRINCE OF WALES W1 839 5987 cc First Call 24 hour, 7 day (BKG FEE) 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 'ALLO 'ALLO with the TV SHOW STARS [illegible] D'Exp. Mon-Fri 8.00, Sat 5.30 & 8.30, WED MAT 3.00 - SOME TICKETS AVAILABLE MUST END MAY 30TH

QUEEN'S 01-734 1166/1167/ 0261/0120. 24hr cc 240 7200/ 379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123 "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" Obs ACTRESS OF THE YEAR VARIETY CLUB OF G.B. MAUREEN LIPMAN in WONDERFUL TOWN! "It sparkles with excitement" S.Times "Just wonderful" D.Exp Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5 ENDS TOMORROW

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554. Eves 7.30, Sat Mats 3.30. THE EMPEROR by Ryszard Kapuscinski adapted by Michael Hastings & Jonathan Miller.

QUEENS 734 1166/ 0261/ 0120 cc 24hr 379 6433/741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) GRIFF RHYS JONES The Resistible Rise of ARTURO UI A Gangster Spectacle By Bertolt Brecht Prevs from 31 Mar Opens 6 Apr Eves 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.30 & 8

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. Eves 8pm, Sat Mats 4pm SERIOUS MONEY - A City Comedy by Caryl Churchill.

SAVOY 836 8888 CC FIRST CALL 24HR 240 7200 (NO BKG FEE) CC 379 6219 or 836 0479. 741 9999 Grp Sales 930 6123 ERNIE WISE LULU JULIA HILLS Broadway's "BEST MUSICAL" THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD The solve-it-yourself musical Prevs from Apr 25 Opens 7 May

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hr cc 379 6433/ 240 7200/ 741 9999 FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman Musical Prevs from July 4 Opens July 21

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 6433. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 35TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 CC 836 4143/5190 First Call 24 hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) CABARET "The sharpest, most sophisticated, most rhythmic musical now running in the West End" Std. Starring WAYNE SLEEP TOYAH WILLCOX Directed & Choreographed by Gillian Lynne Mon-Thur 7.30, Fri & Sat 5.00 & 8.15 BOOKING NOW UP TO AUG '87

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Booking for new Season starting 2nd April now open with JULIUS CAESAR. Send SAE for leaflet or Phone (0789) 69191 for recorded information.

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & cc 834 1317/828 4735 cc 741 9999 379 6433 First Call cc 240 7200 24hr 7 day Grp Sales 930 6123 "A WONDERFUL EVENING OUT... I'M HIGH ON HIGH SOCIETY" S.Times [illegible] D.Mirror TREVOR EVE STEPHEN REA NATASHA RICHARDSON ANGELA RICHARDS HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre [illegible]

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC. 836 9987/5645 First call CC. 24 hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 6433 (bkg fee). Evgs 8.0, Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5.0 & 8.30. JULIA McKENZIE BEST ACTRESS OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award and Plays & Players London Critics Award MARTIN JARVIS PETER BLYTHE JOSEPHINE TEWSON in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play WOMAN IN MIND "THIS MUST BE THE FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON, IT IS ALSO THE MOST DISTURBING" S.Tel

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq 01 930 7765/839 4455 CC 01 379 6565/379 6433/240 7200 Open 24 Hrs/741 9999. Grp sales 930 6123/836 3962 JULIE WALTERS GERALDINE JAMES SHEILA REID JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR The Award Winning Comedy WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM & SHOUT by Sharman Macdonald Directed by Simon Stokes "ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PLAYS OF RECENT YEARS" Obs Mon-Thu 8, Fri & Sat 6 & 8.45

WYNDHAM'S 'S' 836 3028 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6565/ 6433 Grps 836 3962 Eves 8.30. Sat Mats 5pm "A THRILLING Tour de Force" London Daily News STEVEN BERKOFF IS BACK in DECADENCE with LINDA MARLOWE "HILARIOUS" D. Tele. Limited season - book now!

YOUNG VIC 928 6363 CC 379 6433 (No bkg fee) 240 7200 24hr (bkg fee) 2 - 25 April OWNERS by Caryl Churchill Eves 8.00. Sat Mat 3.00, 6 Apr at 7.00 BOOK NOW

YOUNG VIC STUDIO 928 6363 The Rude Mechanicals present DANTON'S DEATH Eves 7.45. Wed Mat 2.15. Ends Tomor

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY d'OFFAY 9 & 23 Dering Street W1. 499 4100. BRUCE McLEAN.

BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-638 4141 x 306 RUSSIAN STYLE 1700-1920. COURT AND COUNTRY DRESS FROM THE HERMITAGE. LENINGRAD. Until Apr 26. Tue-Sat 10-6.45. Sun & Bk Hol. 12-5.45 CLOSED MON Except Bk Hols. Adm £3, Conc. £1.50

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St. St. James's, SW1. 839 3942 LILIANE LIJN - Imagine the Goddess. Until 3 April. Mon-Fri 10-5.30.

HAYWARD GALLERY. LE CORBUSIER Architect. TONY CRAGG - Sculpture. Daily. Recorded info 01-261 0127

BRITISH LIBRARY. Gt. Russell St. WC1. The International THE CITY IN MAPS. Mon-Sat 10-5. Sun 2.30-6. Adm Free.

KING STREET GALLERIES. 17 King St. St. James's, SW1. 930 9392. Paintings & Drawings by early members of the LONDON SKETCH CLUB 1898-1939. Until 11 April. Open Mon-Sat. Thur until 8 pm.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, PICCADILLY 01-734 9052. Open daily 10-6 inc. Sun (reduced rate Sun until 1.45). FROM BYZANTIUM TO EL GRECO: GREEK FRESCOES AND ICONS BRITISH ART IN THE 20TH CENTURY: THE MODERN MOVEMENT (closing 5th April)

THE QUEEN'S GALLERY Buckingham Palace. CROWN AND CAMERA, Royal Family and Photography 1842 - 1910. Tues-Sat 10.30-5. Sun 2-5. Closed Mon.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins in 84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 8.40

CURZON PHOENIX Charing Cross Rd. 240 9661. Elem Klimov's COME AND SEE (15). Film at 2.30 5.30 8.20 "Go and see it please" Derek Malcolm. Guardian. All seats bookable in advance.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Maggie Smith. Denholm Elliott. Judi Dench in A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG). Film at 1.30 (Not Sun). 3.45. 6.10 & 8.40. "A film as near to perfection as it's possible to conceive...my movie of 1986" Alexander Walker. Std. Nominated for 8 Oscars & Winner of 5 BAFTA awards including BEST FILM.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) THE COLOR OF MONEY (15) in 70mm Dolby Stereo. Sep progs Daily 2.15 5.45 8.40. Late Night Show Fri & Sat 11.55pm. All progs bookable in advance.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG) Daily: 2.30 4.45 7.00 9.15

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG) Sep progs Daily 2.00 5.45 8.30 Late Night Show Sat 11.30pm All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250 / 4259. THE FOURTH PROTOCOL (15). Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.15 4.30 7.45. Late Night Show Fri & Sat Doors open 11.15pm. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/ Visa/ AmEx) 930 3232/ 839 1929. 24 hour service. £2.50 seats available Monday all perfs.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) CROCODILE DUNDEE (15) Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.15 3.35 5.50 8.15. Late Night Show Sat Doors open 11.00pm. Reduced prices for OAP's, UB40 holders. Student card holders. Under 16's

هكذ من الإهمل

Greater use of phone tapping

By Richard Evans

Editor's stand on confidence

Inquiry on accident at reactor

THE ARTS

Hunting for hell

TELEVISION

"All alcoholics find their hell", said the man propping up the bar of a Mexican cantina in *Volcano* (Channel 4). He added quite cheerfully that he had found his, just where he was, and at one point had watched the writer Malcolm Lowry struggling with the discovery of his own. The pair had first met in the local supermarket in the early morning buying alcohol before the cantinas were open for drinking.

It was this hell of Lowry's that provided the inspiration and the truths behind his one enormously successful novel, *Under the Volcano*, and it was also this hell that last night's film tried to depict. No doubt it would have been the same hell wherever Lowry happened to be, but he chose to start nailing it to paper during his long stay in a small town below the twin peaks of Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl. This was very lucky for the Canadian director and narrator Donald Brittain since it gave him a well exploited opportunity to indulge in some beautiful and highly evocative camerawork as he revisited the hazy Mexican squares and bars of Lowry's acquaintance.

He could have been stuck with Liverpool and the Sussex Downs had Lowry not been regarded, by his prosperous family, as such a liability that for years his father financed his exile. As his brother bitterly chose to put it: "He was a remittance man. Father was paying him more to stay out of the country than he was paying me to slave in the office."

The programme slowly, at times too slowly, followed the writer's path in an attempt to trace some cause and effect and was well served by Richard Burton's readings from the novel. One moment Lowry appeared to be a good-looking, if unhealthy, schoolboy graduating into a lively Cambridge student, and almost the next he had metamorphosed into a guest member of New York's Bowery and Bellevue mental hospital, places where "things kept on living despite the fact that they were beyond repair". Shortly after that the hours were measured solely in empty mescal bottles.

"Like Columbus", Lowry wrote, "I have torn through one reality and found another." Although this film was more successful at documenting the first than probing the second, it was a sad tale well told.

Alexandra Shulman

Gentle charm proves oddly irresistible

CINEMA

84 Charing Cross Road (U)
Curzon, Mayfair

Fatherland (15)
ICA

Little Shop of Horrors (PG)
Warner West End

Golden Eighties (15)
Everyman

Helene Hanff's small book 84 Charing Cross Road has been passed around. James Roose-Evans adapted it for the stage version produced in London and New York, while Hugh Whitemore did the BBC television play, which is the basis of David Jones's new film.

Part of its charm is its oddity: love-letters between a New York spinster and a London bookshop. The correspondence starts in 1949 when Helene — vividly played in the film by Anne Bancroft — writes to Marks and Co., asking them to supply out-of-print English classics at modest rates. Over the next 20 years the relationship ripens: Helene alternately abuses the shop for their dilatoriness, and sends them food parcels in the lean postwar years. Her missives become more openly affectionate, while the entire staff of Marks are bewitched by this demanding, exotic pen-friend. One of them, the proper and undemonstrative Frank Doel, comes to feel a special relationship with her.

David Jones, whose last film was *Betrayal*, handles his delicate material with tact, subtlety and irresistible charm. The action constantly moves between London and New York; the characters write their letters, live their lives and grow older. Helene's career as a writer prospers, but behind her voluble vitality there are glimpses of the loneliness of her life with books, gin, cigarettes and baby-sitting for younger married friends.

Anthony Hopkins's Frank also remains half-masked behind his quiet self-containment and dedication to a dutifully happy family life. Only after his death do we fully discover him, through the admission of his wife (Judi Dench) that she grew jealous of the intellectual friendship — really pure love — that Helene was able to offer.

By the time Helene fulfils her ambition to come to England, Frank is dead and Marks is closed. The film is coloured with a gentle, touching regret for a lost past. These modest people live through a little piece of history, from the austerity Forties, through Coronation and Festival, to the troubled Sixties (Helene even gets arrested in a campus demonstration). They recall the smell of old books, and days when little shops could care, and people still wrote letters.

The re-creation of the exterior of Marks' old shop is uncanny, though, as I recall it, inside it was never so kind and clean as this. We must remember though that it is seen through the eyes of Helene, the romantic anglophile, just as she in her turn acquires for the Marks staff the fascination given by distance.

Trevor Griffiths and Ken Loach are dissimilar talents — Griffiths a screenwriter of literary and didactic temperament, Loach a director of documentary persuasion, who likes form and meaning to emerge spontaneously from his material. Fatherland brings them together, in sympathetic mistrust of entrenched political establishments of every kind.

The situation of their hero is very much the history of the actor who plays him: Gerulf Pannach was a *Liedermacher* in East Germany until he was imprisoned along with his partner Christian Kunert on account of the political content of their songs. They were eventually shipped out of the DDR with one-way visas.

Griffiths's fictional story elaborates the situation. In the West the dissident singer still finds political pressures, even if they are less apparent. The CIA question him; the West German cultural establishment try to use him in Cold War games; a huge American conglomerate want to market him as a cultural-political commodity. He arrives in England in time to be sourly reminded of home by police restrictions on traffic movement during the miners' strike.

Bleak as is its message — that deception, corruption, exploitation and oppression are in one form or another endemic to every political system — *Fatherland* is dramatically pointed and often witty. Cristine Rose has some nicely acid scenes as the tough American executive with CIA connections; and Sigrit Steiner (who was the best thing in *Duet for One*) contributes another telling performance as the crazed old father. The film is handicapped unduly by Fabienne Babe's often impenetrable accent, and gets a bit heavy-handed in its shocked exposé of Western decadence in a party scene with cocaine, porn and homosexuality.

Little Shop of Horrors is another property that has been around. The original was a shoe-string film shot in a few days in 1961 by Roger Corman. In 1982 this inspired a stage musical, with book by Howard Ashman and music by Alan Menken, which played successfully in New York and London. It now finally comes back to the screen where it began, directed by a former Muppet man, Frank Oz.

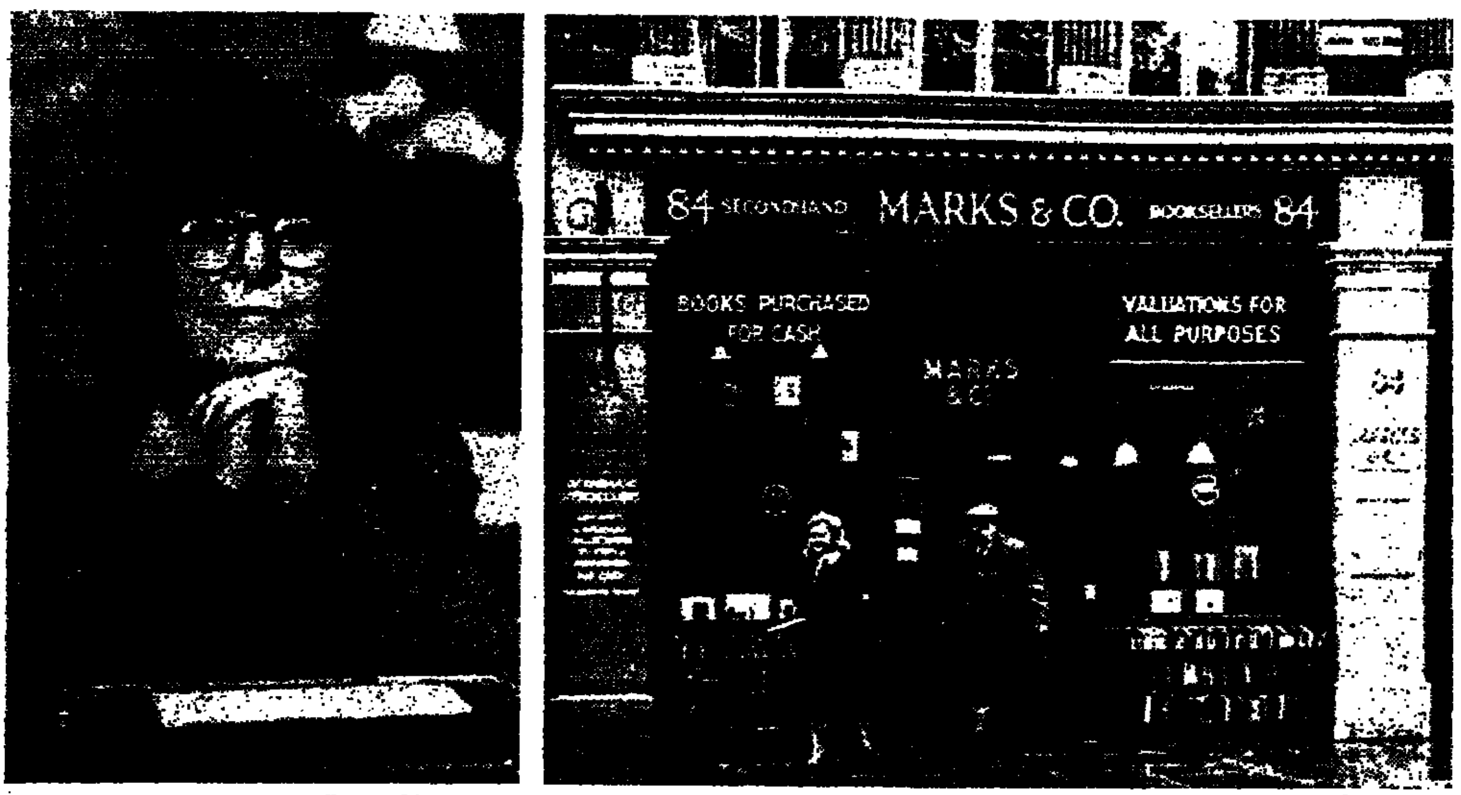
It remains theatrical, with its stylized settings and performances, though the stage could not compete with the special-effects work for the insatiable carnivorous vegetable which descends on a Skid Row florist in a bid for world domination. It is a masterwork of model animation, as it develops from petulant infancy to a gargantuan, explosively expanding monster, howling its demands and breeding a chorus of sharp-toothed buds. (The voice of Levi Stubbs gives the monster an uncompromisingly black characterization.)

Songs and choreography are brisk and musical, but overall Oz's direction is not: the film tends to shift gear awkwardly between the numbers, comedy set-pieces like Steve Martin's sadistic dentist, and dialogue scenes between nerdish Nick Moranis and dizzy Ellen Greene as the weird juveniles. The parts tend to be better than the whole.

Golden Eighties is another oddball musical, by the Belgian director Chantal Akerman, attempting an excursion into popular cinema after her minimalist early works like *Les Rendez-vous d'Anna*. Entirely set around a dress shop, beauty saloon and bar in a subterranean shopping mall, superficially it is in line of descent from Jacques Demy's *Les Parapluies de Cherbourg*, and Marc Herouet's score (the lyrics are by Akerman) owes some debt to Michel Legrand.

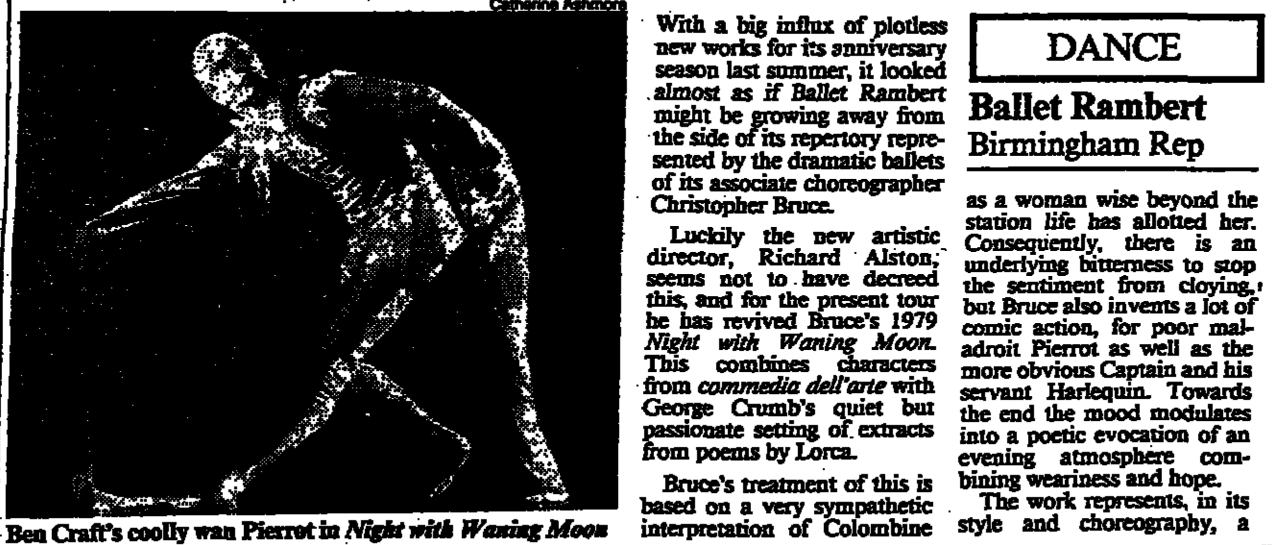
Akerman is not as musical as Demy though, and some of the staging looks more like rush-hour confusion at Oxford Circus than choreography. On the other hand her view of life and love is a good deal tougher. This is a sardonic view of romance. Sex, love and marriage, she tells us, are strictly subject to the prevailing laws of commerce; and the too-romantic young heroine is doomed to inevitable disillusion and betrayal at the hands of men, who are all, in Akerman's book, venal creeps.

David Robinson


84 SECONDHAND MARKS & CO. BOOKSELLERS 84
BOOKS PURCHASED FOR CASH
VALUATIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES
MARKS & CO.

Writing to the bookshop: Anne Bancroft's vivid Helene, and the uncanny re-creation of the celebrated old shop itself in *84 Charing Cross Road*

Catherine Ashmore



Ben Craft's coolly wan Pierrot in *Night with Waning Moon*

DANCE

Ballet Rambert
Birmingham Rep

With a big influx of plotless new works for its anniversary season last summer, it looked almost as if Ballet Rambert might be growing away from the side of its repertory represented by the dramatic ballets of its associate choreographer Christopher Bruce.

Luckily the new artistic director, Richard Alston, seems not to have decreed this, and for the present tour he has revived Bruce's 1979 *Night with Waning Moon*. This combines characters from *commedia dell'arte* with George Crumb's quiet but passionate setting of extracts from poems by Lorca.

Bruce's treatment of this is based on a very sympathetic interpretation of Colombine as a woman wise beyond the station life has allotted her. Consequently, there is an underlying bitterness to stop the sentiment from cloying, but Bruce also invents a lot of comic action, for poor maladroit Pierrot as well as the more obvious Captain and his servant Harlequin. Towards the end the mood modulates into a poetic evocation of an evening atmosphere combining weariness and hope.

The work represents, in its style and choreography, a contrast to the rest of the present repertory and therefore a challenge to its dancers. Their experience makes them play it, on the whole, more dryly than their predecessors.

Perhaps Pierrot would benefit from a more emotional approach than Ben Craft provides, although his cool, almost detached manner does throw a credibly wan light on the role. Mark Baldwin's fiercely bewhiskered captain, ludicrously flourishing a sadly limp sword, and Bruce Michelson's knowing Harlequin carry the comedy neatly and economically. Colombine is a crucial character, and Siobhan Stanley presents her as someone worn out by drudgery and degredation, but still with an inner strength. It is a portrait touching in its mixture of misery and humour, warmed by a ready response to Harlequin's seduction.

The ballet, with its architectural décor by Pamela Marre, looked good on the large stage of the Birmingham Rep. Alston's *Dangerous Liaisons*, with its swift entries and scrupulously controlled patterns, gained even more from the spacious circumstances. Another new production for the tour, Alston's *Dutiful Ducks*, might on the other hand look best in more intimate circumstances. Short and distinctive, it is set to a sound-score of spoken words by Charles Amirkhanian. The work began life five years ago as a solo for Michael Clark; now Alston has expanded it to include three women.

Gary Lambert copes well with the quick, brilliantly varied steps; his three companions have less to do but look good. The company has acquired two interesting new members: Sue Hawksley, who previously distinguished herself with several modern groups, and Paul Old, an Australian dancer with a classical background. They fit well into an ensemble that is confident and cohesive, nicely supported by the soprano Doreen Walker and the instrumentalists of the Mercury Ensemble.

John Percival

LONDON DEBUTS

The young Filipino pianist Linda Montesa clearly feels the music she plays in a distinctive way. In Schumann's *Fantasiestücke* and Poulenc's *Thème varié*, she offered moments of insight, but a sense of effort and heavy-handedness holds her playing back.

Santiago's *Souvenir de Filipinas*, an appropriate choice, was a welcome novelty. Otherwise the best of her programme came in the *Sonata Para Piano* by Ginastera, a dynamic piece whose rapid second movement successfully tested her technique and gave us the most exciting playing of the evening.

A Purcell Room recital presented by the Worshipful Company of Musicians featured two young artists who have studied at the Guildhall School of Music. In the pianist Janet Newman we had a straightforward interpreter of Mozart and Debussy, and an able technician ready to tackle the ferocious difficulties of Barber's Piano Sonata, Op 26. The greater inspiration came from the violinist Anthony Marwood. As a past leader of the ECYO, he already has notable orchestral experience behind him, and the sure-fire technical tricks of Saint-Saëns's Introduction and Rondo capriccioso showed technical prowess enough for him to continue as a soloist.

The most notable feature of his musicianship is its range of colour. In Fauré's A major Violin Sonata, the timbre was gentle and sweet, the whole manner so intimate that one was surprised to find he could also accommodate his playing to fit the brighter, biting sounds of Stravinsky's solo version of *Pulcinella*.

Also in the Purcell Room a group called Cavatina — two singers, Cheryl Hawkins and Hilary Fisher, acompanied by Kate Elmitt — presented an entertainment on Rossini's life in words and music called "Sins of my Old Age", whose humorous moments were partial compensation for some decidely second-rate singing.

Richard Fairman

Hybrid heading for maturity

ROCK

Steve Earle and the Dukes
Mean Fiddler

If anyone has given substance to the idea that there is something more to "New Country" than a handy promotional slogan, then it is Steve Earle, a 32-year-old singer/song-writer born in San Antonio, but resident in Nashville for the last 14 years. It has been his unlikely achievement to straddle the worlds of rock and country in such a way as to have been equally at home sharing a stage at different times in recent months with both an arch-country traditonalist like George Jones and the garage-band roots-rockers Green on Red.

A clean-shaven, square-jawed man with lank dark hair, Earle looked as if he was wearing a blue collar, even though he was dressed in a black T-shirt. Taking the stage with a purposeful air, the band started with "Guitar Town", but Michael McAdam's twanging Duane Eddy-style guitar lines were swamped in a poor mix, and indeed it was not until the fifth song, "Good Ol' Boy", that Bucky Baxter's lilting pedal steel was heard at all. A series of mumbled introductions left us none the wiser about the intent of most songs, which, in any case, told their own stories of the hopes, loves and fears of regular all-American working guys.

The everyman approach to his song-writing has prompted comparison with Bruce Springsteen, an admirer of Earle, and a chunky version of Springsteen's "State Trooper" was not out of place in a set that included the pumping rock chorus of "Fearless Heart" and the road-hardened R 'n' B of a new song, "The Week of Living Dangerously". But, despite suffering a succession of broken strings on his black jumbo acoustic guitar, Earle's approach was decidedly lighter than that of Springsteen, and a song like "Think it Over" bore a closer spiritual resemblance to the work of the Everly Brothers, country crossover stars of an earlier generation.

Despite the initial problems, Earle's buoyant spirit and direct style had triumphed by the time he arrived at a lengthy spate of encores. This is clearly one hybrid that will grow to a formidable maturity.

David Sinclair

Tarkovsky family appeal

The great Russian film director Andrei Tarkovsky died last year in exile. His wife and son are also living in exile and an international trust fund has been set up for the education of Andryusha under the aegis of Response, which supports victims of human rights problems. The fund is sponsored by, among others, Claudio Abbado, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Richard Eyre, Jeremy Isaacs and Sir John Tooley. Contributions should be sent to:

The Tarkovsky Fund
"Response",
British Film Institute,
127 Charing Cross Road,
London WC2H OEA.

OPENS TODAY

HURRY! 150,000 SEATS ALREADY SOLD FOR THE RSC's 1987 STRATFORD-UPON-AVON SEASON

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE
JULIUS CAESAR
By WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE. From 2 APRIL
ROGER ALLAM Brutus
SEAN BAKER Cassius
NICHOLAS FARRELL Mark Antony
Directed by TERRY HANDS

SWAN THEATRE
HYDE PARK
James Shirley's exquisite comedy of love, courtship and marriage. From 7 APRIL
With JOHN CARLISLE and FIONA SHAW
Directed by BARRY KYLE

THE OTHER PLACE
FASHION
Doug Lucie's biting new satire on the ruthless worlds of politics and advertising. From 1 APRIL
With ALUN ARMSTRONG, BRIAN COX and ESTELLE KOHLER
Directed by NICK HAMM
Presented by arrangement with Michael Codron

RSC
Royal Shakespeare Company

BOX OFFICE: 0789 295623

RSC
The Royal Shakespeare Company's
"THRILLING"
NOW
Kiss Me Kate
"SHEER BLISS"
DAILY EXPRESS
Music and lyrics by COLE PORTER
Book by SAM and BELLA SPEWACK
Box Office 01-928 7616
Credit Cards 01-261 1821
With bkg fee: 01-240 7200, 01-379 6433, 01-741 9999
THE OLD VIC
Reduced price previews FROM 8 MAY

Pine AT The Village COLLECTION

HURRY ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT OF IDEAL HOME OFFER

50% off book shelves · 40% off dining furniture · 30% off bedroom furniture

Your kind of pine

Traditional country and period designs, made by English craftsmen from the finest Swedish pine. And now, your kind of soft upholstery, brass lamps and country tableware, too.

A fine range of restored pine
Finely made Victorian and Edwardian pieces in pine (and other traditional woods) carefully restored to their original beauty.

Interest-free Credit
The Village Collection offers interest-free credit, even at the above reduced prices. We also accept Access and Visa, and deliver anywhere in the UK.

All showrooms open 7 days a week

LONDON
Pembridge Villas, W2 01-221 7344
162, Wandsworth Bridge Road, SW6 01-736 2753
19, Chalk Farm Road, NW1 01-485 4234
195, Upper Richmond Road West, SW14 01-876 4053
BATH
15, Old Bond Street (0225) 69650
BRIGHTON
94, Western Road (0273) 26493
CHELMSFORD
Springfield Road (0245) 266865
CHESTER
21-23, Watergate Row (0244) 312226
GUILDFORD
38-40, High Street (0483) 67005
ROMFORD
93, South Street (0708) 23111
SOUTHAMPTON
22, East Street Centre (0703) 36017
ST ALBANS
15, Chequer Street (0727) 41599
TUNBRIDGE WELLS
51, High Street (0892) 26512
WINDSOR
(Head Office and Showroom)
42-43, Peascod Street (0753) 855730

92-page full colour catalogue
Send £1.50 (post and packing free) to
The Village Collection
19, Chalk Farm Road, London, NW1.
Name ....
Address ....
....
....
TT1

STARTS TODAY
ICA CINEMA
THE MALL, SW1 930 3647
4.30 6.45 9.00 Mondays half price

FILM FOUR INTERNATIONAL presents KEN LOACH'S
FATHERLAND (15)
directed by Ken Loach
director of photography Chris Menges
written by Trevor Griffiths

هكذا من الأصل

Fleming returns to face the Yard

By Michael McCarthy

Mr John Fleming, the man wanted for questioning by Scotland Yard about the £26m Brink's Mat gold bullion robbery in 1983, flew back to Britain from Miami yesterday after losing his long battle to remain in exile, and was promptly arrested.

Mr Fleming, aged 46, had been held in Florida since last August after being deported from Costa Rica.

He had spent the succeeding time and an estimated £300,000 in legal fees trying to find another country that would admit him.

But on Wednesday night an American judge finally ruled he could be sent to no country but Britain.

Several armed officers from the US Immigration Service accompanied him on the transatlantic flight.

Waiting at Heathrow Airport were officers from the special Scotland Yard task force investigating the Brink's Mat robbery, which took place at a warehouse near the airport.

After the other passsengers had disembarked police led by Detective Inspector John Beadle boarded the aircraft and arrested Mr Fleming, who was taken immediately to an armoured van waiting on the tarmac.

He was then driven to London with an escort of four police cars. It was expected yesterday that he would be questioned about the robbery by the head of the special task force, Det Chief Supt Brian Boyce.

Mr Fleming has always denied any connection with the robbery.

He is being held at Rochester Row police station in central London.

He spent most of yesterday resting to recover from the jet lag caused by the five-hour time difference between Miami and London and began his interviews with police last night.

Arthur Moughton, wearing spectacles, and Ivan Eaton with one coypu that did not get away, and examining a trap (Photographs: John Rogers).

Catching up with the coypu

Pest control experts trying to eradicate the South American coypu from the Norfolk and Suffolk waterways are impressed by the staying power of the last few remaining rodents.

Although only about 20 are left, a mere handful have been caught in the last six months.

At the beginning of the pest control campaign six years ago, the 23 trappers, from ex-game keeping, poaching and rabbit catching backgrounds, were snaring more than six each day.

Coypu, the world's largest rodents, which can be up to two feet in length and weigh 20 lbs, are voracious eaters. They have been destroying East Anglian riverbanks, crops and native plants since breeding pairs escaped from fur farms fifty years ago. By the 1960s the coypu population reached a peak of about 200,000.

Mr Arthur Moughton, aged 47, a trapper foreman, said yesterday: "The remaining coypu are getting craftier and craftier. We are having to devise new ways of trapping them.

"Part of the problem is that because there are so few females left, the males are travelling miles each day in search of them. Normally they lie around and eat all day.

"We have developed a floating trap which we place on a raft in an attempt to catch the last few rodents."

"Eradicating an animal is a very sensitive subject," said Dr Morris Gosling of the Ministry's Coypu Research Laboratory. "But in the case of the coypu, it has become very necessary."

Although several government and locally funded initiatives tried to annihilate the animals, their under-funding and the coypu's voracious, adaptable diet and active reproductive rate, has ensured the creature's continued survival.

Responding to a 1978 independent inquiry, Coypu Control — a Ministry of Agriculture and local drainage authority-funded body — decided in 1981 to trap and finally destroy East Anglia's remaining 3,000 coypus, even though most naturalists considered total extermination impossible.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Flight of fancy, RAF club class

Mrs Thatcher answered questions to the Prime Minister yesterday for the last time before flying tomorrow to Moscow.

Tories put in last-minute pleas for her to raise the fate of various Soviet dissidents. Labour members urged her to be more reasonable with Mr Gorbachov about intermediate-range nuclear weapons. Meanwhile, a lot of us fantasized about Mrs Thatcher falling victim to the sort of incidents which accompanied the last widely publicized flight by a world-famous Englishwoman. The fate of Miss Joan Collins this week at the hands of BA, an airline on whose behalf Miss Collins had appeared in television commercials, was in many of our thoughts.

Happily, Mrs. Thatcher would be flying RAF — the airline she had advertised for years. Unlike BA, the RAF surely knows how to treat a star. But if it tried putting Mrs Thatcher in club class against her wishes, she would turn the air blue.

Her agent would be instructed that there were to be no more commercials for the RAF in the annual defence estimates. Then she would privatize the firm. By calling the BA check-in lady a "******* old cow," Miss Collins's error was to think you could deal with such people by remaining ladylike.

Mr Kinnock had already gone on his journey yesterday, and so was absent from questions to the Prime Minister. He was flying BA to Washington. This prompted Mr David Alton, the Liberal member for Mossley Hill, to observe that the British election campaign appeared to be going on "in Moscow and the Oval Office."

This latter venue caused various Tories gleefully to shout something about "20 minutes." It had been reported that Mr Kinnock's audience of President Reagan would only last for that modest period. It sounded as if Mr Kinnock would be seeing the President for only the same length of time as any other BA transatlantic club-class passenger partaking of some sort of off-season Washington package deal by the airline.

Presumably, first class passengers get an hour. Mr Kinnock, like Miss Collins, had possibly arrived too late for a first class seat, and BA had once again applied the rules too rigidly. It was no way to treat a star chatterer such as Mr Kinnock, just one of whose sentences is capable of lasting for 20 minutes. What is happening to BA?

But at least the Tories' mockery of Mr Kinnock was relatively good-natured. They do not regard his interventions in foreign affairs as ill-motivated. They take a sterner view, however, of Mr Tony Benn's. So, more privately, does much of the Labour front bench.

Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C) raised with the Prime Minister an interview which Mr Benn had given to a Soviet weekly paper. Mr Fallon said that, in Moscow, Mrs Thatcher would have the support of all parts of the House in raising human rights issues. "But Britain's case," he added, "will not have been helped by the extraordinary article in the Soviet press condemning Britain's record on human rights by the Right Hon member for Chesterfield" (Mr Benn, who was not in the chamber).

The Prime Minister replied that Mr Benn had used British liberties extensively over many years. "If he finds he can no longer tolerate them, I would be delighted to ask Mr Gorbachov on his behalf for a resident's permit."

That reply raised spirits hugely on the Tory side. It was noticeable that there were no Labour heckles which could be interpreted as coming to Mr Benn's aid. Mr Roy Hattersley, deputising for Mr Kinnock, rose. But only to ignore the last subject and to ask about something else.

Whatever the ambiguities of new opinion polls, the Tories were at least clear about everyone's travel arrangements. Mrs Thatcher was flying RAF. Miss Collins and Mr Kinnock, with varying success, had tried their luck with BA. And the Tories had convinced the country that Mr Benn was only happy with Aeroflot, Gulag class.

Thatcher warning to Japan

Continued from page 1

Exchequer, who told MPs he found that Japan's conduct in "shutting out" Cable and Wireless was unacceptable.

It was confirmed that Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has instructed his officials to draw up a paper for the Cabinet's economic affairs committee setting out areas of possible reprisal.

As indicated by the Prime Minister, the main options being considered involve revoking the licences of Japanese banks and securities firms operating in the City and denying them to newcomers.

The two Acts embody the principle of reciprocity under which the Government can legally take action against financial institutions from countries whose domestic financial sectors do not match the City's open trading conditions.

The Prime Minister said she regarded the British company's application as a "test case" and had not yet received a reply to a letter to Mr Nakasone, the Japanese prime minister.

A Commons motion signed by about 100 MPs condemns the Japanese stance and urges the Government to exact a penalty by using the new laws to stop the flow of Japanese banks and financial institutions into the City in the wake of Big Bang.

Their anger was shared by Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, who told MPs the day before that Britain had a £3.7 billion trade deficit with Japan last year.

Mr Clark said yesterday: "There is a limit to the amount of time that Britain can go on playing cricket while the other side are throwing hand grenades".

He warned that retaliation was becoming inevitable and that the case was mounting for legal changes to make it more effective. "I think a point will come where the EEC, which controls our external trading arrangements, would agree to action. It would, in all probability, involve changing laws or passing laws," he said on BBC Radio 4.

It was also disclosed that Mr Clark discussed reprisals against Japan when he met his French opposite number, M Michel Noir, earlier this week. As a result of British pressure, supported by France, the Netherlands and Belgium, the EEC has given Tokyo a July deadline to mend its ways.

Mr John Smith, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, said that Japan had blocked foreign investment in its newly privatized telecommunications network. In a letter, he invited the Prime Minister to return the compliment in the forthcoming British Petroleum sale.

Mr Clark said that Japan routinely restricted access to its markets by binding up exporters in red tape. Goods were held up at customs or subjected to lengthy procedures covering certification

KBE for Russian musician

Mstislav Rostropovich, the Russian-born cellist and conductor, now an American citizen, has been appointed an honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, the Foreign Office announced yesterday.

The Queen approved a recommendation by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary. The award has been made on the eve of Mr Rostropovich's 60th birthday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that the award had been made to mark his services to British music in particular. He was long a friend of Benjamin Britten, one of Britain's outstanding 20th-century composers.

Mr Rostropovich had been an artistic director since 1977 at the Aldeburgh Festival in Suffolk, founded by Britten.

Kinnock will confront defence fears head on

From Philip Webster, New York

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday prepared for his encounter with President Reagan by displaying his determination to confront head on American fears that the Labour Party's defence policies could lead to the disintegration of Nato.

The Labour leader arrived in New York to shrug aside controversies over his public attack on Mr Reagan's Nicaraguan policy and criticism from his own left wingers over his shift of stance on cruise missiles, and to defend his decision to go ahead with a meeting many in his party wished he had never undertaken.

His upbeat performance on his arrival for the short visit was adequate confirmation that there can be no meeting of minds between Mr Kinnock and the President at the White House this morning.

Mr Kinnock acknowledged the "divergencies" between the two on defence, but claimed that "alarm" was too strong a word to describe the Administration's reaction to his policies.

But while Mr Reagan will make plain today his belief that the overall package of Labour's policy is profoundly damaging to Nato, Mr Kinnock will be putting a completely contrary view.

He said yesterday that going to the White House would not emphasize the gulf between them.

"Going there will demonstrate that wherever the opportunity arises I take that opportunity to present the accuracy of our defence policy," he said. "That policy is more effectively to defend our country and more effectively to contribute towards Nato."

Lords to decide fate of 'sterilization' girl

The fate of the "sexually aware" girl aged 17 with the mental age of five who has been ordered by the Court of Appeal to be sterilized will be decided by the House of Lords next week.

Lord Bridge said because of the "most unusual circumstances" and "great public interest" the Law Lords should consider the issues raised.

Mr Harry Turcan, for the Official Solicitor, Mr David Venables, who is looking after the interests of the girl, said the appeal judges wrongly exercised their jurisdiction.

He said while the judges laid down useful guidelines and emphasized sterilization must be carried out only as a "last resort", the Official Solicitor was concerned about the use of their power in the "dying stages" of wardship.

They have authorized the operation two months before the girl's 18th birthday on May 20; after that her approval would be required.

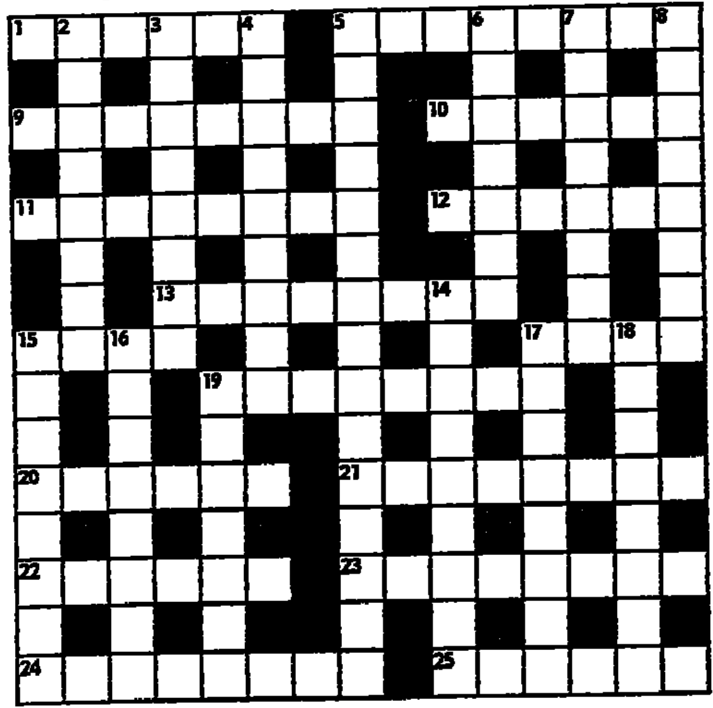
Lord Justice Dillon had said the operation was in her own interests because the consequences of her becoming pregnant were "frightening".

The operation has the backing of the girl's mother and her social workers in Sunderland.

The hearing, expected to last a day, will be next Thursday.

Letters, page 13

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,315



ACROSS

1 Trunk service interrupted by somebody drunk (6).
5 London street game (4,4).
9 Literary critic right about returning scholar's material (8).
10 Morning duty to turn out the holy of holies (6).
11 Praise by a lot of pit workers for old medicine (8).
12 Call to keeper in the saddle (4,2).
13 Surrounding district conquered by Caesar, for example — an about turn (8).
15 Man perhaps misled struck-off doctor (4).
17 Garment removed by stripper (4).
19 Kind of student who has learnt in revolution (8).
20 It heightened the tragedy of ancient Greece (6).
21 Blow to higher return for the unions (5-3).
22 Shed pawn lost in battle (4-2).
23 Egg-shaped head is H. Dumpty's attribute (8).
24 Bound as an apprentice to object to dead-end (8).
25 Works to make dough for necessities, say (6).

DOWN

2 He delivered thunderbolt services — breastplates needed! (8).
3 Duck has joint under the beak (8).
4 He had a fifth form with a name for order (9).
5 A sort of double entendre, typically Oxbridge? (11,4).
6 Opponent of change has old king tied in knots (7).
7 Whirligig, or agouti perhaps (8).
8 One Formby leaned on for illumination (4-4).
14 Company board is for bridging operation (9).
15 Viennese heroine is a Miss Wilfer (8).
16 Apply pointed remark to turner doing shift work (8).
17 Boy showing diligence (8).
18 Ill-fated crusade about vivisection (8).
19 Silly impulse over cow girl with a twitch (7).

Concise Crossword, page 10

WEATHER

General situation: A deep depression will dominate British weather. Most of England and Wales will start wet, with some coast and hill fog. However, brighter conditions, with blustery showers will sweep from the West across southern and some of eastern England by early afternoon, though the North-west, and north and west Wales will stay cloudy with heavy rain. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dull and wet, with some heavy rain, and in northern Scotland some sleet or snow is likely especially over higher ground. Much of Britain will have strong to gale force winds at some time, and in some exposed south-western parts it will be quite stormy at times. Outlook for the weekend: Colder north-westerly winds bringing showers, some sleet or snow, windy.

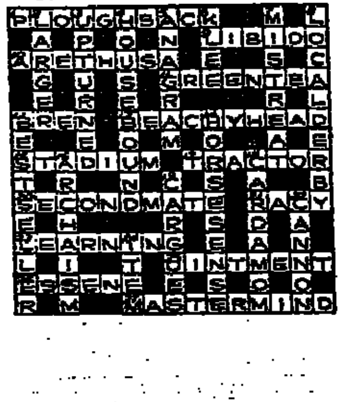
ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	15	59	Madrid	s	15	59
Akrotiri	s	18	64	Majorca	f	16	61
Alex'dria	f	18	64	Malta	s	18	64
Algiers	f	21	70	Malb'rne	s	18	64
Amst'dm	c	10	50	Mexico C*	s	27	81
Athens	s	15	59	Miami*	c	25	77
Barcelona	c	15	59	Milan	f	13	55
Beirut				Montreal*	s	14	57
Belgrade	f	18	64	Moscow	sn	-4	25
Berlin	c	8	46	Munich	c	11	52
Bermuda*	f	17	63	Nairobi	f	28	82
Biarritz	f	13	55	Naples	f	18	64
Borde'x	f	13	55	N Delhi	s	31	88
Brussels	f	10	50	N York*	s	20	68
Budapst	s	15	59	Nice	s	16	61
B Aires*	f	26	79	Oslo	c	1	34
Cairo	f	19	66	Paris	s	11	52
Cape Tn	s	29	84	Peking	s	12	54
C'blanca	c	18	64	Perth	s	26	79
Chicago*	c	8	46	Prague	r	11	52
Ch'church	s	13	55	Reykjvk	f	3	37
Cologne	f	11	52	Rhodes	s	16	61
C'phagn	c	5	41	Rio de J	s	27	81
Corfu	s	16	61	Riyadh	c	27	81
Dublin	r	8	46	Rome	f	16	61
Dubrovnik	c	13	55	Salzburg	c	11	52
Faro	s	17	63	Santiago*	s	23	73
Frankfurt	s	11	52	S Paulo*	c	30	86
Funchal	s	17	63	Seoul	s	5	41
Geneva	r	10	50	Sing'por	f	31	88
Gibraltar	f	20	68	St'kholm	c	1	34
Helsinki	s	1	34	Strasb'rg	f	12	54
Hong K	c	15	59	Sydney	s	25	77
Innsbrck	f	15	59	Tangier	f	19	66
Istanbul	s	9	48	Tel Aviv	c	15	59
Jeddah	s	30	86	Tenerife	c	20	68
Jo'burg*	r	23	73	Tokyo	c	10	50
Karachi	s	29	84	Toronto*	f	9	48
L Palmas	f	20	68	Tunis	f	22	72
Lisbon	s	16	61	Valencia	s	18	64
Locarno	s	13	55	Vanc'ver*	r	8	46
L Angels*	s	21	70	Venice	c	12	54
Luxembg	f	11	52	Zurich	c	9	48

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

Solution to Puzzle No 17,314



AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.5	.25	11	52	sunny
Bridlington	2.1	.28	10	50	cloudy
Cromer	0.3	.13	11	52	bright
Lowestoft	0.2	.13	11	52	rain
Clacton	1.2	.09	11	52	drizzle
Southend	1.5	.10	11	52	drizzle
Margate	-	.08	12	54	dull
Folkestone	0.3	.26	10	50	drizzle
Hastings	1.0	.16	10	50	fog
Eastbourne	1.7	.19	11	52	drizzle
Brighton	1.0	.30	11	52	rain
Worthing	1.7	.24	12	54	rain
Littlehmptn	2.6	.31	13	55	bright
Bognor R	2.3	.25	12	54	rain
Southsea	3.1	.20	12	54	cloudy
Shanklin	3.5	.26	11	52	sunny
Poole	6.3	.17	11	52	bright
Swanage	6.5	.38	12	54	sunny
Weymouth	8.7	.25	12	54	sunny
Exmouth	5.3	.06	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	8.4	.04	10	50	sunny
Torquay	8.7	.10	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	-	.15	9	48	sunny
Penzance	7.5	.19	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	9.3	.20	10	50	sunny
Jersey	7.1	.06	11	52	sunny
Guernsey	7.4	.11	11	52	sunny
Newquay	8.2	.19	10	50	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	.20	11	52	sunny
Minehead	7.2	.03	9	48	sunny
B'pool Airpt	5.7	.45	8	46	sunny
Morecambe	6.1	.44	8	46	sunny
Douglas	8.4	.51	9	48	sunny
B'ham Airpt	3.8	.21	9	48	shower
Bristol (Ctrl)	4.3	.06	10	50	rain
Carlisle	4.1	.50	9	48	rain
London	0.9	.13	11	52	rain
Manchester	3.5	.51	8	46	shower
N'cstl-n-Tyne	4.3	.43	9	48	rain
Nottingham	2.9	.29	9	48	rain
Anglesey	7.5	.46	10	50	sunny
Cardiff (Cst)	5.2	.17	9	48	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	.20	9	48	sunny
Tenby	10.0	.30	9	48	sunny
Aberdeen	3.9	.64	7	45	rain
Edinburgh	5.8	.35	8	46	sunny
Eskdalemuir	7.0	.46	8	46	shower
Glasgow	6.9	.54	9	48	shower
Kinloss	2.5	.27	-	-	sunny
Lerwick	-	.45	4	39	snow
Prestwick	5.8	.57	9	48	sunny
Stornoway	4.1	.35	7	45	rain
Tiree	7.0	.23	8	46	sunny
Wick	0.1	.80	6	43	rain
Belfast	7.5	.15	9	48	sunny

These are Wednesday's figures

Buying The Times overseas: Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 200; Cyprus 80 cents; Denmark Dkr 12.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France F 9.00; W Germany DM 3.50; Gibraltar 70p; Greece Dr 200; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2,700; Luxembourg Lf 48; Madeira Esc 200; Malta 35c; Morocco Dir 12.00; Norway Kr 10.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 200; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 200; Sweden Skr 12.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia [illegible]

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	—	—	12.25	6.9
Aberdeen	11.42	4.0	—	—
Avonmouth	5.34	12.0	6.05	12.3
Belfast	9.24	3.3	9.55	3.1
Cardiff	5.19	11.1	5.59	11.4
Devonport	4.17	5.1	4.52	5.1
Dover	9.45	6.1	9.59	6.2
Falmouth	3.47	4.9	4.22	4.9
Glasgow	11.19	4.6	11.54	4.3
Harwich	10.20	3.7	10.37	3.5
Holyhead	8.43	5.3	9.18	5.3
Hull	4.54	6.8	4.52	6.9
Ilfracombe	4.24	8.4	4.51	8.5
Leith	12.53	5.1	1.10	5.2
Liverpool	9.39	8.9	10.12	8.9
Lowestoft	8.11	2.2	7.45	2.3
Margate	10.44	4.5	10.48	4.5
Milford Haven	4.38	6.5	5.06	6.5
Newquay	3.31	6.6	3.58	6.6
Oban	4.33	3.8	5.05	3.5
Penzance	3.19	5.2	3.52	5.2
Portland	5.03	1.9	5.53	1.8
Portsmouth	9.46	4.2	10.29	4.5
Shoreham	9.41	5.8	10.10	6.1
Southampton	9.18	4.2	9.50	4.5
Swansea	4.47	8.7	5.18	8.8
Tees	2.11	4.9	2.16	5.1
W'lton-on-Nze	10.13	3.9	10.25	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.40	2.28
Austria Sch	21.60	20.40
Belgium Fr	63.70	60.30
Canada $	2.18	2.06
Denmark Kr	11.49	10.89
Finland Mkk	7.51	7.11
France Fr	10.13	9.63
Germany Dm	3.06	2.90
Greece Dr	222	210
Hong Kong $	13.00	12.30
Ireland Pt	1.145	1.085
Italy Lira	2170	2060
Japan Yen	252	238
Netherlands Gld	3.445	3.265
Norway Kr	11.45	10.89
Portugal Esc	232	222
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.50
Spain Pta	212.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	10.65	10.10
Switzerland Fr	2.55	2.42
USA $	1.675	1.595
Yugoslavia Dnr	1100	1000

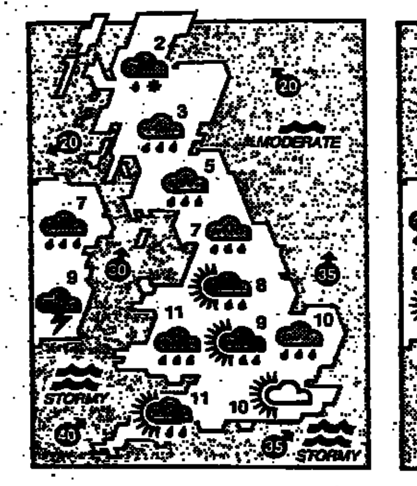
Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 100.4.

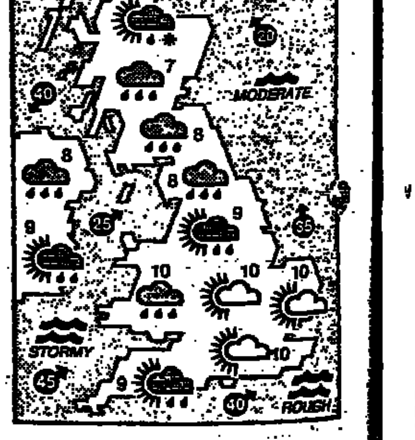
London: The FT Index closed down [illegible] at 1614.8.

©TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1987. Printed by London Post (Printers) Limited of 1 Virginia Street, London, E1 9XN, and by News Scotland Ltd, 124 Portman Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow G41 1EJ. Friday, March 27, 1987. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.55 pm to 5.17 am
Bristol 7.04 pm to 5.26 am
Edinburgh 7.10 pm to 5.26 am
Manchester 7.04 pm to 5.24 am
Penzance 7.15 pm to 5.39 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1009.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

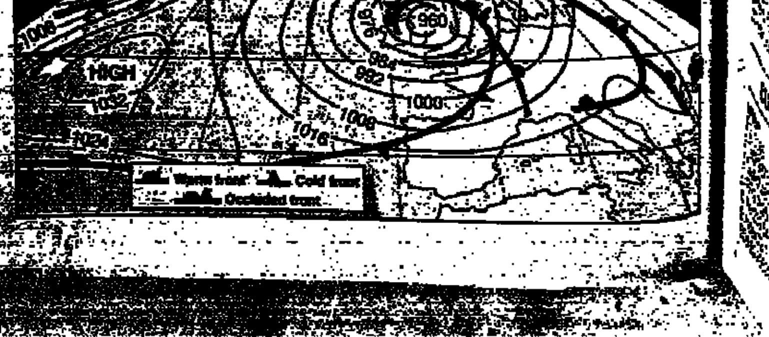
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	7	45	Guernsey	f	10	50
B'mgham	f	9	48	Inverness	f	7	45
Blackpool	r	7	45	Jersey	f	11	52
Bristol	r	10	50	London	c	11	52
Cardiff	r	10	50	M'nchster	c	10	50
Edinburgh	f	7	45	Newcastle	f	10	50
Glasgow	c	7	45	R'ldsway	r	8	46

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.08in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

Sun rises: 5.49 am
Sun sets: 6.25 pm
Moon rises 5.24 am
Moon sets 3.53 pm
New Moon March 29

NOON TODAY



هكذا من الإصل

PART 2

THE TIMES

FRIDAY MARCH 27 1987

BUSINESS AND FINANCE 19-25
SPORT 29-34
TELEVISION 33

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1614.9 (-8.1)

FT-SE 100
2037.8 (-5.1)

Bargains
55725 (51349)

USM (Datastream)
166.03 (-0.43)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6055 (-0.0005)

W German mark
2.9373 (+0.0055)

Trade-weighted
72.1 (same)

Really Useful profits

Box office winners that include *Cats*, *Starlight Express*, and *Les Miserables* provided the main growth in the profits of the Really Useful Company in the six months to end-December.

From turnover which was up from £7,511,000 to £9,381,000 the company made pretax profits of £2,507,000 against £2,028,000 and earnings per share rose from 12.3p to 14.8p.

An interim dividend of 4.1p against 3.75p is to be paid.

Molins profits only 11% up

A first-half surge in deliveries of Molins' cigarette-making machines hit company sales in the second half, so after an 84 per cent interim increase, full-year profits are only 11 per cent ahead at £9 million (£8.1 million).

In the year to end December, turnover rose from £116.3 million to £122.9 million. From earnings per share of 19.1p, the dividend is raised from 7.9p to 8.7p. The shares fell 15p to 221p.

Deals restored

Dealings in the $50 million (£31 million) secured floating rate notes 1992 of Cambrian and General Securities have been restored on the Stock Exchange.

Norcros fight

Norcros, the UBM builders' merchant chain, yesterday urged its shareholders to ignore the hostile £542 million takeover bid from Williams Holdings. Norcros said the bid was "unwelcome," pointing out it was not convinced a get-together would benefit the company.

In tomorrow's *Family Money* we examine what differences in investment advice consumers can expect depending on which way the Government jumps on polarization. With mortgage rates on the way down we explain why it is that the same interest rate charged by different banks and building societies can result in borrowers making different monthly payments.

Extel sale

News information group Extel — under takeover threat from Robert Maxwell — is raising £2 million from the sale of its Digital Microsystems offshoot. The business, which is being sold to Apricot Computers, earned profits last year of £283,000 on turnover of £13.2 million.

Bus Summary 20
Stock Market 20
Wall Street 20
Traded Opts 20
Comment 21
City Diary 21
Tempus 21
Co News 22
Share Prices 23
Unit Trusts 24
Commodities 24
USM Prices 24
Money Mrkts 25
Foreign Exch 25

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ...... 2381.96 (+18.47)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ...... 21558.79 (+85.82)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ...... 2783.12 (-48.38)
Amsterdam: Gen ...... 277.7 (-1.1)
Sydney: AO ...... 1690.1 (+11.6)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ...... 1738.5 (+38.0)
Brussels:
General ...... 4524.53 (-19.29)
Paris: CAC ...... 460.4 (+1.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen ...... 535.30 (+2.0)
London: FT. A ...... 91.22 (-0.34)
FT. Gilts ...... 1067.96 (-6.1)

Closing prices Page 23
Recent Issues Page 25

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 9¾-9⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 9½-9⅜%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6³⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.57-5.56%*
30-year bonds 99⁸⁄₃₂-99⁵⁄₁₆*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6055	£: $1.6060*
£: DM2.9373	$: DM1.8275*
£: SwFr2.4508	$: SwFr1.5265*
£: FFr9.7695	$: FFr6.0805*
£: Yen239.54	$: Yen149.13*
£: Index:72.1	$: Index:102.5
ECU £0.706201	SDR £0.792303

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

BP	918p (+30p)
Blue Circle	802p (+11p)
FW Thorpe	340p (+10p)
Mitchell Somers	244p (+13p)
British Aerospace	652p (+19p)
Bodycote	492p (+30p)
Ratcliffs (GB)	120p (+12p)
Atlantic Comps.	541p (+46p)
Comcap	482p (+17p)
Scantronic	198p (+27p)
BAT Industries	540p (+12p)
Pentland	733p (+28p)
Croda Intnl.	215p (+11p)
Belgrave Holdings	175p (+25p)

FALLS:

Lucas	567p (-23p)
Central TV	598p (-52p)
Scottish TV	559p (-18p)
United News	486p (-20p)
GUS 'A'	1280p (-17p)
Wellcome	438p (-15p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $411.30 pm-$411.00
close $411.50-412.00 (£256.00-256.50)
New York:
Comex $411.70-412.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $17.95bbl ($17.85)
* Denotes latest trading price

BP stages Britain's biggest takeover

£4.6bn bid for Standard Oil

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Petroleum launched the biggest-ever takeover bid made by a British company yesterday when it announced that it is prepared to pay $7.4 billion (£4.6 billion) for the 45 per cent stake in Standard Oil in the United States which it does not already own.

The bid immediately increased the value of BP shares on the stock market, increasing the amount the Government is likely to get for the sale of its 32 per cent holding in the oil company later this year.

The BP move to acquire 100 per cent of Standard Oil will make its shares increasingly attractive to the overseas investor, ensuring the successful sale of the government holding.

The Government has been informed of the BP management's plans and the Treasury has already given its consent for the bid being made in the US.

The news of the bid only a week after the Government announced its intention of disposing of its BP holdings was yesterday described as purely co-incidental by BP.

A third of the cost of the bid, $2.4 billion, will come from BP's existing cash reserves, and the remaining $5 billion will be paid for by a loan facility arranged by Morgan Guaranty in New York on behalf of BP International and BP North America which will be fully guaranteed by the parent company in London.

The bid will make BP the world's third largest oil company behind Exxon and Shell, but now considerably ahead of companies such as Mobil, Chevron and Texaco.

The offer price of $70 a share for the outstanding Standard Oil shares is $5 above the price they closed at on Wall Street on Wednesday night and, said Sir Peter Walters, the BP chairman, reflects the full value the market has put on the company.

In the past year BP has installed its own management team led by Mr Robert Horton at the Standard Oil headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, and has stemmed losses, which in the past have resulted in BP writing off a total of £6 billion.

Although not the largest loss made by Standard Oil — previously known as Sohio — the most embarrassing was the £225 million loss it incurred on drilling the oil industry's most expensive dry well at Mukluk in Alaska.

Sir Peter Walters said yesterday that the takeover of Standard Oil and its merger with the existing BP North America group, which itself employs more than 7,000 people in the US, would provide the strategic platform needed for further expansion in North America.

The takeover offer will be formally sent out to Standard Oil shareholders next Wednesday or Thursday and will remain in force for 20 business days. Under Ohio state law, BP can force a takeover once it has acquired 80 per cent of the shareholding.

Jewel in crown, page 21

Arbitrators seek to alter SIB rulebook

By Colin Narbrough

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators is seeking to have the rulebook of the Securities and Investments Board amended to ensure that small investors have the right to indepedendent arbitration in disputes.

It has written to Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, and to Sir Kenneth Berrill, the chairman of the SIB, but has as yet had no response.

The reluctance of the SIB and the Government to change the rule book, even in the face of strong criticism this week by Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading, has aroused fears that the institute's appeal will not get a sympathetic hearing.

Mr Channon plans in the next two weeks to approve the SIB rules and submit a delegation order to Parliament that would allow him to transfer powers to the SIB, making it the chief City watchdog for the new regulatory system.

The Institute, which currently offers arbitration services for a broad range of financial disputes, sees independent arbitration as an attractive option to expensive and lengthy litigation — something that small companies are less likely to be able to afford than large companies or institutions.

The new rules the Institute wants the SIB to adopt would give the non-professional investor the option of referring a dispute with firms, or regulatory authorities, to independent arbitrators. The SIB would be obliged to acquaint investors with the option.

Arbitration would be conducted by a three-member tribunal in disputes where sums larger than £5,000 were involved.

UK banks delay Mexico package

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The final signing of the $76 billion rescheduling package for Mexico has run into a last minute hitch, with the British banks refusing to sign until other banks agree to meet their obligations.

The row between Mexico's commercial bank creditors began last week when the six main British institutions sent telexes to Citicorp, which is leading the banks' negotiations with Mexico, refusing UK co-operation until US banks put up their share of the rescheduling finance. The telexes said that the UK banks would only contribute their share if the US banks put up at least 90 per cent of their requirement.

Banks in other countries such as Canada, France and Switzerland are also believed to be reluctant to sign but were waiting to see what the British would do.

The row stems from the reluctance of many US banks, particularly the small regional banks, to lend more money to Mexico under the terms of the rescheduling agreement. The package includes $7.7 billion of new loans on top of the rescheduling of existing loans.

The package requires banks to put up 12.9 per cent of their loans outstanding to Mexico in 1982, the time of the first rescheduling agreement. the British banks have promissed to contribute their part in full but are angry that the US banks have so far only put up 84 per cent of the amount required of them.

The signing of the package began last Friday and is due to remain open for three weeks. Bankers in London said that although the British move was designed to put pressure on the Americans they did not see it as an unltimatum or an indication that agreement would not finally be reached. "The signing period can probably be extended if necessary," said one banker.

Croda Int to pay first dividend in four years

By Carol Ferguson

Croda International, the speciality chemicals manufacturer, yesterday announced its first dividend increase since 1982. In that year, the dividend was nearly doubled to 7p net as part of the company's defence against an unwelcome bid from Burmah Oil.

For 1986, a more modest increase of 1p to 5p was recommended in the final payment for 1986 to give a total of 8p net for full the year.

The group also revealed that preliminary pretax profits rose 18.6 per cent to £27 million for the year to December 31. Turnover fell by 16 per cent to £343 million, due to the disposal of the Premier Oils Division towards the end of 1985 and lower commodity prices.

The market was pleased with these results and the shares were up 12p to 216p.

Croda's speciality chenicals side continued its steady progress with a 15 per cent increase in pretax profit. Dr Keith Hopkins, the chief executive, said that colours in particular had a remarkable year, doubling profits.

At Croda World Traders, where profits were up 76 per cent to £4.7 million, bakery services, consisting of speciality products to bakers, formed the success story. Croda Colloids, the leading supplier of gelatin to the photography industry, also improved its profits.

At Cromano Consumer Products, where industrial paints had a difficult year, profits fell 8 per cent to £2.2 million.

Western ten join C&W's rival consortium

Fight for Japan telecom

From David Watts, Tokyo

A total of 10 European and US companies will take stakes in International Telecommunications Japan (ITJ), the consortium which is bidding against a group including Cable and Wireless (C&W) for the right to operate international telephone services in Japan.

News that the companies are already a part of the ITJ consortium leaked to the Japanese press yesterday as pressure mounted over Japan's trading practices in the United States. The companies are General Electric of America, Ford, Citibank, Bank of America, Shearson-Lehman, Salomon Brothers Asia, Boeing Computer Service, Unisys, Societe Generale of France and Deutsche Bank of West Germany.

C&W originally sought 20 per cent of the rival International Digital Communications (IDC) consortium but is now being offered about 3 per cent with no managerial role.

Mr Nobuo Itoh, the president of the ITJ consortium, said that it was an embarrassment that it had come out in the press as it was not intended to announce the participation of these companies until the establishment of an operating company. They had been approached last July, he said, when the ITJ planning company was being launched, in order to "keep the door open to all international telecommunications users."

ITJ had been concerned to get an equal balance between the participating companies who were told they would be invited to join the consortium once its feasibility studies were complete. That study was completed by the end of November and they had expected to start the operational company by January at the latest, but the wrangling over participation by foreign companies, Japan's future competitors to Kokusai Denshin Denwa, the present monopoly, had delayed their plans.

Mr Itoh said the 10 were different from ITJ's seven principal stockholders. Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsui and Co, Sumitomo Trading and Matsushita Electric Industries would each have 11.48 per cent. Marubeni Corporation and Nissho Iwai would each have 7.65 per cent and the Bank of Tokyo would have a holding of less than 3 per cent. The remaining 48 shareholders in ITJ would all have less than 1 per cent.

Mr Itoh agreed that C&W was a "well experienced and highly reputed company, whereas we are just entering the field. But it is not indispensible to have foriegn companies."

United hints at Fleet St move

By Colin Campbell

United Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Express*, the *Sunday Express* and *The Star*, yesterday hinted that it too could be moving out of the newspaper industry's traditional home — Fleet Street.

Mr David Stevens, chairman, said in unveiling 1986 annual profits that "active consideration is being given to the printing requirements of Express Newspapers and an announcement will be made shortly".

Analysts suggest the options open to United Newspapers are the sale of its Fleet Street premises; contract printing of its publications; building of its own plant; and/or a combination of contract printing with an expansion of its other printing facilities in the north of England.

The group, in reporting higher pretax profits of £56.6 million compared with £34.9 million on a turnover up from £312.3 million to £620.3 million, also indicated expansion plans in the United States following the decision to seek a listing on the US listed securities market by obtaining a National Market System (NASDAQ) quotation and an associated American Depository Receipt issue.

National newspapers proved highly successful in the year ended December, and including Fleet Holdings for a full year contributed £13.6 million compared with a 10-week contribution in 1985 of £3.31 million.

Mr Stevens predicted that the potential contribution from the national newspaper division is "substantial".

There was, however, market disappointment that the year's dividend rose by only 0.5p to 16.5p a share, and the shares fell by 17p to 489p. Because of the higher issued capital, net earnings fell from 27.2p to 25.3p a share, though the board is confident that earnings and dividends will rise this year.

Tempus, page 21

Tom Farmer, Kwik-Fit's chairman: exhausting business

A quick £11 million

Kwik-Fit, the tyre and exhaust retailer, surprised the City yesterday with profits £1 million ahead of expectations at £11.1 million, and turnover of £102.6 *million*.

The company is altering its centres to take in additional services such as brake fitting. Shareholders receive a final dividend of 1.2p per share making a total 31 per cent higher at 2.2p

Details, page 22

Healthy £88m for Smith & Nephew

By Alexandra Jackson

A lower tax charge and a better than expected performance from Richards Medical, its new American acquisition, has led Smith & Nephew Associated Companies to withdraw its warning that earnings per share for this year would suffer some dilution.

Smith & Nephew published its annual results yesterday showing pretax profits up from £70.6 million to £88 million. Turnover increased by 13.5 per cent to £480.1 million. There was good widening of margins. A final dividend of 1.97p was declared making a total of 2.8p for the year.

Mr John Rennocks, financial director of Smith & Nephew said yesterday: "We had expected a dilutory effect in 1986 and 1987 following the acquisition of Richards Medical last year. However, we are very pleased with what we have found there and do not now think that there will be any earnings dilution in 1987."

City analysts are expecting earnings this year to increase to about 8.5p and advance again next year to 10.5p.

In the year to the end of December 1986, earnings per share were not diluted by the purchase of Richards, despite the issue of 110.6 million shares to meet some of the cost of the acquisition. They increased from 5.9p to 7.1p.

Richards Medical was acquired by Smith & Nephew for $284 million (£177.1 million) in October 1986 on an exit price earnings ratio of 30 times — considerably in excess of Smith & Nephew's own rating. However, it is performing well ahead of expectations.

Richards is the dominant US manufacturer of orthopaedic products. These are used for arthroscopy, repairing cartilage and bone using telescopic instruments; for trauma, repairing bone fractures; and for reconstruction, replacing or repairing damaged joints and tissues.

Richards Medical made a small contribution to group profits in 1986. Medical and other textiles was the division which showed the strongest advance increasing operating profits from £6.3 million to £8.5 million.

Medical and healthcare, the largest profit centre also enjoyed a good year with profits up 25 per cent to £52.3 million. This division took in a full year's contribution from Affiliated Hospital Products.

Smith & Nephew experienced strong demand in 1986 for its barrier products many of which are used in nursing patients suffering from Aids, acquired immune deficiency syndrome. By the end of last year, demand for its examination gloves was, for example, close to exceeding supply. The group is investing in new facilities which will increase its capacity for these products.

Tempus, page 21

Saunders 'did not benefit'

By John Bell, City Editor

The former Guinness chairman, Mr Ernest Saunders, yesterday stated through solicitors that he did not benefit personally from any of the fees paid by Guinness in connection with its £2.7 *billion* takeover of the Distillers whisky company.

The statement said: "Substantial fees were paid by Guinness to individuals, firms and companies who gave advice and rendered services during the period of the contested bid.

"He (Mr Saunders) flatly denies that he has ever had any beneficial interest in any part of them."

On Wednesday, the High Court was told that a Swiss bank account in Mr Saunders' name received £3 million, thought to be part of a payment of £5.2 million made to the Guinness director, Mr Thomas Ward.

Counsel for Mr Saunders told the court that the money was paid into the account, originally opened by Mr Saunders' father, because Mr Ward did not have a Swiss bank account.

All of the money was later transferred, on Mr Ward's instructions, to a Panamanian company, said counsel for Mr Saunders.

Lucas chair taken by former apprentice

By Ray Heath

A former engineering apprentice was yesterday named as the new chairman of the Lucas aerospace and car components group. Mr Tony Gill, who is 56, takes over from Sir Godfrey Messervy on August 1. He assumes the chair at a crucial point in the development of Lucas.

As yesterday's disappointing profits figures showed, the company has yet to see the benefits of a big programme designed to make the company more competitive and take it away from dependence on declining markets such as the British commercial vehicle and tractor industry.

In the six months to January 31, Lucas profits were up only £2 million to £40 million on a turnover which increased from £791.6 million to £825 million.

Mr Gill, who is currently deputy chairman and group managing director of the company, began his career as a diesel engineering apprentice, before spending three years at Imperial College and two years in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

He was the director of a company called Bryce Berger when it was taken over by Lucas Industries in 1965.

Tempus, page 21

Reuters to offer new service

By Cliff Feltham

Reuters, the electronic information group, is linking up with the Stock Exchange to offer its 4,000 worldwide subscribers the SEAQ computerized dealing system, *covering the main British* stocks.

The agreement covers SEAQ Level 2, which provides buy and sell quotations from 31 market-makers. Reuters will begin carrying quotes for all 101 Alpha stocks within the next few weeks. Its subscribers, in 56 countries, will be able to take the service on a month's trial.

Reuters' shares jumped 18p to 711p on the announcement

WILLIAM BAIRD

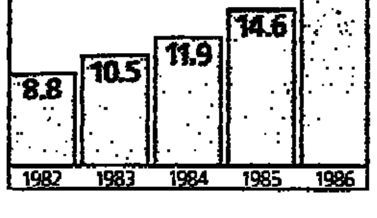
Continued growth in 1986 gives confidence for the future

Summary of Results Year ended 31 December	1986 £m	1985 £m
Turnover	252.5	244.0
Profit before Tax	18.7	14.6
Profit after Tax	12.1	10.7
Earnings per share	42.9p	37.9p*
Dividends per share	14.805p	12.940p*

adjusted for scrip issue June 1986

The Chairman, Mr. T.D. Parr, CBE, reports:

- Another successful year for the Group. Baird Textiles and Darchem both achieved significantly higher profits.
- Final dividend of 9.125p per share proposed.
- One-for-three scrip issue recommended.
- Continued investment and innovation throughout Baird Textiles has led to improved productivity and profitability.
- Darchem's range of activities widened.



The Annual Report 1986 will be posted to shareholders on 29 April 1987 and copies may be obtained after that date from The Secretary, William Baird PLC, 79 Mount Street, London W1Y 5HJ.

هكذا من الإهمال

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Automated Security rings up £12 million

Automated Security, which fits one in five burglar alarms in Britain, reported a 43 per cent increase *in profits up from* £8.662 million to £12.403 million for the year to November 30, on a turnover up from £37.6 million to £51.9 million.

The strengthening of the rental base, with the security systems under contract rising to 105,000, fuelled a 33 per cent increase in rental income to £18.57 million.

The dividend increases from 1.5p to 1.8p with a 1.14p final payment. Analysts are predicting profits of £15 million-plus *for the current year.*

Speyhawk in £26.3m call

Speyhawk, the property company, is proposing to raise £26.3 million through a two-for-five rights issue at 385p a share. The company has made arrangements for 1.75 million shares to be placed conditionally with institutional investors. The balance has been underwritten. Speyhawk says trading *in the current* year is extremely encourging but it is too early to forecast *profits.*

Country Seat sale deal

***Dean & Bowes Group* is buying Country Seat for £875,000, with £650,000 payable on completion throughthe issue of 698,925 new shares and the balance by the issue of shares in March 1989. Shropshire-based Country Seat, which had net pretax profits for the eight months to December 31 of £94,800, is involved with refurnishing and refurbishment of licensed premises and leisure centres.**

Giddy buy for Abaco

Abaco Investments, the financial services group with a voracious appetite for acquisitions, is buying another estate agency. It has agreed to pay up to *£7.5* million for Giddy & Giddy, whose 24 branches are in Berkshire, Surrey, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

It has agreed to pay *£2.65* million in cash for Giddy, with the rest in shares, although up to £3.5 million will be held back until forecast profits of £700,000 for the year ending this month are verified. The deal values Giddy at 16½ times earnings at these levels. Abaco shares have been valued at 65.33p for the deal, which compares with the 69p yesterday.

Meggitt cuts Australia link

Meggitt has sold the trading assets, other than the premises, of the rubber and plastics *division* of Bestobell Industries Australia. A consortium led by Brunckhorst *Investments has paid* A$1.85 million (£788,000). The sale completes the withdrawal of Meggitt from trading in Australia, although some assets remain to be sold.

Free offer by accountants

Peat Marwick McLintock, the Scottish-based accountants, is offering 100 hours of *free consultation to new and* growing small businesses at each of its 50 British offices. *The new practice, formed by* the merger of the firms of Peat Marwick Mitchell and *KMG Thomson McLintock,* was formally announced yesterday.

STOCK MARKET

Shares stage fight-back after opinion poll gloom

By Michael Clark

Equities and Government securities fought back fiercely yesterday, helped by some better-than-expected trade figures.

Prices were marked sharply lower in first dealings in the wake of the latest opinion poll pointing to a hung Parliament at the next general election. Double-figure falls among the leaders were commonplace. But they managed to recover their poise and continued to rally throughout the day.

The trade figures for January, producing the biggest seasonally-adjusted surplus *for more than a year*, came as a pleasant surprise and also helped to encourage a few cheap buyers.

The cheerful economic news also enabled gilts to halve earlier losses, stretching to more than £1 at the longer end of the market.

But prices started to drift again after hours, with dealers worried by another opinion poll being published later today. Dealers fear that this could show the Liberal/SDP Alliance slipping into second place, just a couple of points behind the Conservatives.

The FT index of top 30 shares managed to reduce an *earlier fall of 13 points and* at the close was 8.1 points lower at 1,614.9. But the broader-based *FT-SE 100* started to drift again after hours, closing 5.1 down at 2,037.8.

Turnover was below average with most of the interest being generated by another long stream of companies reporting trading news. These included Lucas Industries, Smith & Nephew and United Newspapers.

There was no stopping **Extel**, the news agency and financial information publisher, which climbed another 6p to 556p. Earlier this week, Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher of the *Daily Mirror*, increased his holding in the group to 26 per cent and the *market is now convinced that* he will attempt to launch another bid when he is *allowed to do so next month.*

His earlier attempt was blocked by the Takeover Panel, which insisted on a year's "cooling-off" period. Extel, which yesterday agreed to sell Digital Microsystems to Apricot Computers, has risen by 66p so far this week.

Stockley firmed by 3p to 104p on growing speculation that P&O is about to sell its 35 per cent stake. Dealers are already talking of a full bid of 125p a share.

It was a busy day for the oil sector with BP surprising the *market with its $7.4 billion* (£4.62 billion) bid for the rest of Standard Oil. The market appeared *pleased with the deal* and marked BP 30p higher at 818p as 13 million shares changed *hands*.

The other oil shares were also marked better as investors took heart from the rise in the price of oil on the spot market. The price of North Sea Brent crude for April delivery rose by 1.05 cents to $18.45.

Among the big producers, **Shell** advanced 12p to £12.49, *Ultramar, 5p to 241p*, ***London & Scottish Marine Oil***, 9p to 259p, **Britoil**, 4p to 234p and *Enterprise*, 12p to 272p.

Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance group, ran into profit-taking after Wednesday's strong run which saw the price rise through the £9 level with a leap of 61p to a new high of 924p. Dealers reported ample American support prompted by a re-assessment of its US assets and speculation that it is about to float off its gold mining interests. There has also been support for the shares from South Africa following the recovery in the rand and renewed interest in South African gold shares generally. The price finished 11p lower at 913p on a turnover of 1.3 million shares.

Rio Tinto-Zinc, the other big mining finance group, has also been enjoying a good run on the back of Cons Gold. The shares — which opened on *Monday at 722p — held steady* at 759p yesterday as 1.6 million shares were traded ahead of a meeting with County Securities, the broking arm of National Westminster Bank.

The shares have been a dull market, worried by the strength of sterling, price cuts, labour unrest and the recent break-up of the cement cartel and they have underperformed the market by 25 per cent. They currently stand at a five-year relative low.

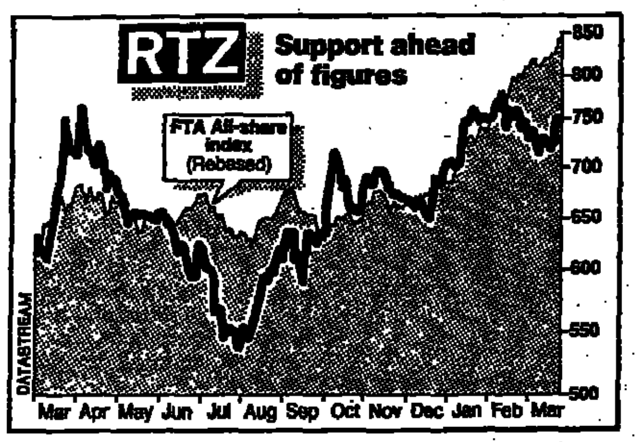
Phillips & Drew, the broker, admits that the shares appear to have little to offer in the long-term, but it believes they are due for a run ahead of next month's figures and says that they could hit 850p.

RTZ had a tough time of it in 1986 and P&D expects pretax profits, due next month, to fall by £37 million *to £220 million* and the dividend to remain unchanged. A recovery to about £260 million is expected for the current year. But the broker is convinced that, at these levels, the shares are already discounting most of the worries.

There were reports in early trading of Japanese selling in several of the drug stocks. They have been big buyers of the leaders in recent months, but may have decided to slow the pace. *However, prices* managed to close above their worst levels of the day, helped by the general rally *elsewhere* in the market.

Wellcome led the way lower with a fall of 14p to 439p, still worried by the threat of increased competition as its rivals attempt to find a cure for Aids.

Falls were also seen in **Glaxo**, a net 3p lower at £15.05p, **Beecham**, 6p at 560p, **Fisons**, 5p at 660p and **Reckitt & Colman**, 4p at 991p.



● Mr Richard Lake, a chartist at Savory Milln, the broker, says that yesterday's *shake-out in the* market was unimportant. He is forecasting that the FT-SE 100 index *will* reach 2,250 before long — providing the three-month interbank rate falls to 8 per cent by August.

***● Whispers in the market* suggest Bernard Matthews, the turkey producer, is *about to hit the acquisition* trail and may be in talks with one of the fast growing *USM food* groups. Earlier this week Mr Bernard Matthews, chairman, revealed pretax profits for *1986 24* per cent higher at £15 million.**

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	6,900	Gen Accident	109	Redland	1,600
Amstrad	10,000	GEC	3,300	Reckitt Colman	114
ASDA-MFI	6,300	Glaxo	2,100	Reed Int	269
Ass Br Foods	554	Globe IT	260	Reuters	2,700
BET	1,100	Granada	399	RMC Group	243
BTR	4,600	Grand Met	2,000	RTZ	1,700
BAT	8,300	GUS 'A'	245	Rowntree	1,900
Barclays	801	GRE	432	Royal B of Scot	401
Bass	385	GKN	1,100	Royal Ins	1,100
Beecham	3,600	Guinness	1,100	Saatchi	277
Blue Circle	1,400	Hammerson Pry 'A'	236	Sainsbury (J)	1,200
BOC	338	Hanson	9,200	Scot Newall	252
Boots	2,200	Hawker Siddeley	576	Sears	3,200
BPB Ind	45	Hillsdown	2,200	Sedgwick Gp	732
BPCC	1,200	Imp Chem Ind	1,900	Shell	5,300
Br Aerospace	4,000	Imp Cont Gas	172	Smith & Nephew	3,800
Br Airways	—	Jaguar	716	STC	4,600
Br Gas	33,000	Ladbroke	491	Stan Chart	970
Br Petroleum	13,000	Land Securities	2,800	Storehouse	2,500
Br Telecom	5,600	Legal & Gen	454	Sun Alliance	245
Britoil	3,900	Lloyds	788	Tarmac	347
Bunzl	272	Lonrho	1,700	TSB P/P	10,000
Burton	4,500	Marks & Spencer	3,800	Tesco	1,000
Cable & Wireless	3,300	MEPC	486	Thorn EMI	1,300
Cadbury Schwep	7,300	Midland	1,400	Trafalgar House	1,000
Coats Viyella	1,500	Nat West	590	Trusthouse Forte	4,500
Com Union	4,500	P & O Dfd	2,100	Unigate	1,200
Cons Goldfields	1,300	Pearson	702	Unilever	338
Cookson Gp	101	Pilkington Bros	1,400	Utd Biscuits	1,200
Courtaulds	1,200	Plessey	6,500	Wellcome	4,500
Dee Corp	3,500	Prudential	301	Willis Faber	1,200
Dixons Gp	2,700	Racal Elect	4,000	Whitbread 'A'	3,300
English China	347	Rank Org	732	Woolworth	650
Fisons	740	Rank Hovis	675	Stock prices on page 23	

WALL STREET

Dow resumes its rise

New York (Agencies) — Shares moved higher in active, early trading yesterday *as the* firmer bond market helped interest-sensitive groups — and oil stocks were cheered by BP's plan to tender for the 45 per cent of Standard Oil not already owned.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which broke its string *of six consecutive record-setting sessions on Wednesday,* when it fell by almost 6 points, *resumed its advance* with a rise of 12.93 to 2,376.42.

Rising shares outnumbered declining ones *by two to one*

	Mar 25	Mar 24		Mar 25	Mar 24		Mar 25	Mar 24
AMR Cp	54%	55%	Firestone	36%	37%	Pepsico	34%	35%
ASA	60%	58%	Fst Chicago	29%	29%	Pfizer	74%	75%
Aetna Life	66%	67	Fst Int Bncp	59%	59%	Phelps Dod	31%	31
Allied Signal	47%	48	Fst Penn C	10%	11	Philip Mor	87%	85%
Allis Chalm	2%	2%	FT Wachva	44%	44%	Philip Ptrl	15%	15%
Alcoa	45%	45%	Ford Motor	83%	81%	Polaroid	69%	69%
Amax Inc	19%	18%	GAF Cp	44%	44%	Proct Gble	95%	94%
AMR Hess	32%	33	GTE Cp	41%	42%	Pub Svc Eg	41%	40%
Am Brands	49%	49%	Gen Cp	114	110%	Raytheon	82%	82%
Am Can	51%	52%	Gn Dynam	73%	73%	Rynlds Met	65	64%
Am Cynmd	96%	97%	Gen Elect	110%	111	Rockwell Int	59%	58%
Am Ele Pwr	28%	29	Gen Inst	28%	27%	Royal Dutch	118%	121%
Amex	78%	78%	Gen Mills	53%	53%	SFE Sopac	37%	37%
Am Home	89%	90%	Gen Motors	79%	79%	Sara Lee	48%	47%
Am Motors	4%	4%	Gen Pub Ut	26%	26%	Schlumb	40%	41%
Am Stand	50%	51	Genesco	5%	5%	Scott Pap	81%	82%
Am Teleph	24%	25%	Georgia Pac	51	52%	Seagram	77%	77%
Amoco Cp	82%	83%	Gillette	59%	58%	Sears Roeb	52%	53%
Armco Steel	8%	8%	Goodrich	56%	56%	Shell Trans	81%	84%
Asarco Inc	23%	22%	Goodyear	54%	55	Singer	47%	47%
Ashland Oil	63%	63%	Gould Inc	18%	18%	Smithkln Bk	109	109%
Atl Richfld	77%	78%	Grace Co	63%	62%	Sony Cp	20½	20%
Avon Prod	32%	32	Grt Atl Pac	33%	34	Sth Cal Edi	34%	34%
Bk Boston	33%	34%	Greyhnd	38%	38%	SW Bell	115%	118%
Bank NY	43	42%	Grumen	29%	29%	Std Oil	64%	66%
Bankamer	12½	12%	Gulf & West	79%	79%	Sterl Drug	55%	54%
Bkrs Tst NY	47%	47%	Heinz	48%	48%	Stevens JP	41%	42%
Beth Steel	8%	7%	Hercules	58%	61%	Sun Comp	67%	68%
Boeing	52%	52%	Hewlett Pk	58%	58%	TRW Inc	103%	104
Boise Casc	84%	84%	Honeywell	74	74%	Teledyne	334%	334%
Borden	59%	59%	IC Ind	29%	28%	Tenneco	48%	49%
Borg Warnr	41%	41%	ITT Cp	63%	64%	Texaco	37%	38%
Brist Myer	106%	107%	INCO	16%	16%	Tex Eastn	35%	36%
BP	57%	58%	Ingersoll	83%	82%	Tex Inst	187%	183%
Brunswick	47%	47%	Inland Steel	23%	24	Tex Util	33%	33%
Burl Ind	47%	47%	IBM	155%	152%	Textron	69%	70%
Burl Nth	69	69%	Int Paper	106%	105%	Travelers	50%	50%
CBS	159	160%	Irving Bk	46%	48%	UAL Inc	62%	60
CPC Int	52%	52%	Jhsn & Jhsn	90%	92%	USG	41%	42%
Csx Cp	34%	35%	K Mart Cp	65%	65%	USX Cp	27%	28%
Cmpbell Sp	69%	70%	Kaiser Alum	18	17%	Unilever NV	275	278%
Can Pacific	19	18%	Kerr McGee	35%	35%	Un Carbide	29%	29%
Caterpillar	48	48	Kimbl Clark	116%	117	Un Pac Cp	79%	79%
Cenral SW	35%	35%	Kroger	35%	36%	Unisys Cp	102%	104%
Champion	41	41%	LTV Cp	3%	3%	Utd Brands	46%	46%
Chase Man	39%	38%	Litton	84%	85	Utd Tech	52%	52%
Chem NY	45%	44%	Lockheed	51%	51%	Unocal	36%	36%
Chevron	57%	58%	Lucky Str	31%	31%	Walter Jim	61%	61%
Chrysler	56%	58%	Man H'over	44%	44%	Warn Lamb	77%	78%
Chrysler Wi	38%	52	Manville	2%	2%	Wells Far	50%	51%
Citicorp	52%	25	Mapco	64%	65%	Westg El	64%	65%
Clark Eq	24%	47%	Marine Mid	47%	47%	Weyerhsr	57%	57%
Coca Cola	47%	47%	Mt Marietta	51%	52	Whirlpool	40%	40%
Colgate	47%	59%	Masco	40%	39%	Woolworth	49%	50%
Columb Gas	50%	35%	Mcdonalds	81%	81	Xerox Cp	76%	76%
Cmb'tn Eng	38	37%	McDonnell	79%	79%	Zenith	24%	24%
Cmwlth Edi	36%	44%	Mead Cp	70%	71%			
Cons Edis	44%	40%	Merck	160%	162%			
Cn Nat Gas	40%	19%	Minsta Mng	131%	132%			
Cons Pwr	19	30%	Mobil	48%	49%			
Cont Data	30%	63%	Monsanto	80%	79%			
Corning Gl	63	41%	Morgan Jp	44%	44%			
Crane	42%	62%	Motorola	55%	55%			
Data Genl	31%	32%	NCR	68%	69%			
Deere Co	28%	28	NL Indstrs	6%	6%			
Delta Airl	56%	57%	Nat Distill	65%	65%			
Detroit Edi	17%	17%	Nat Med Ent	29	28%			
Digital Eq	165%	167%	Nat Semi	15%	15%			
Disney	63%	63%	Norfolk Sth	97%	98%			
Dow Chem	82%	84%	NW Bancrp	40%	40%			
Dresser Ind	28%	28%	Occid Petl	33%	33%			
Dupont	117%	117	Ogden Cp	68%	68%			
Duke Pwr	47%	47%	Olin Cp	51%	52			
East Kodak	79%	79%	Owens Ill	n.a	n.a			
Eaton Cp	80%	81	PPG Ind	48%	47%			
Emerson El	106%	106%	Pac Gas El	25%	24%			
Emery Air	12%	12%	Pan Am	4%	4%			
Exxon	87%	88	Penney JC	99%	99%			
Fed Dpt Sts	96%	97%	Pennzoil	81%	81%			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	32%	31%
Alcan Alum	52%	51%
Algoma Stl	14%	15%
Can Pacific	24%	24%
Cominco	17%	17%
Con Bathrst	19%	20%
Hawk S Can	27%	27
Hud Bay M	28%	28%
Imasco	39	39%
Imperial Oil	66½	66%
Int Pipe	48%	47%
Royl Trstco	34%	34%
Seagram	101%	101%
Shelco 'A'	25½	25%
Thmsn N 'A'	32%	33
Vanty Cp	3.10	3.15
WCT	16%	16%
Weston	38%	39%

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allied Lyons	330	78	87	95	1	2½	5
(*404)	360	48	60	72	1½	9	15
	390	22	38	48	7	18	23
British Gas	80	15	18%	23	%	2	3
(*85)	90	7%	12%	16½	2	4	6%
	100	3	7%	11%	7½	9	12½
British Airways	110	20	25	28	1	3	6
(*129)	120	11	17%	22	1½	6	10
	130	6	12	16	5½	11	16
BP	800	127	150	168	3	12	22
(*917)	850	93	109	128	12	20	33
	900	50	75	100	25	38	48
Cons Gold	750	167	177	194	1	7	13
(*913)	800	117	137	150	5	13	25
	850	70	100	125	10	25	40
Courtaulds	360	86	93	105	1	7	7
(*442)	390	56	69	84	2	10	14
	420	30	48	63	7	16	25
	460	9	24	35	21	30	39
Com Union	300	37	47	56	3	8	13
(*334)	330	14	31	42	12	18	24
	360	5	19	28	29	34	43
Cable & Wire	325	45	—	—	2	—	—
(*368)	350	26	—	—	9	—	—
	360	—	37	48	—	21	33
	390	5%	20	35	25	35	50
GEC	200	22	33	40	1	9	11
(*219)	220	8%	19	25	8	15	20
	240	2	10	18	23	27	32
Grand Met	420	65	78	90	1½	4	7
(*479)	460	32	52	65	7	17	23
	500	10	32	42	27	38	45
	550	3	13	25	73	75	80
ICI	1300	70	130	150	16	45	60
(*1351)	1350	45	100	125	38	55	65
	1400	21	75	105	70	90	115
	1450	10	55	85	110	120	145
Land Securities	360	52	57	66	2	5	9
(*409)	390	26	37	47	5	14	18
	420	11	20	28	18	29	33
Marks & Spen	200	29	35	41	1½	3	6
(*225)	220	14	20	28	7	13	14
	240	5	12	19	21	26	29
Shell Trans	1150	110	132	155	8	17	30
(*1250)	1200	67	100	125	20	30	42
	1250	42	72	100	33	45	56
Trafalgar House	300	49	56	68	1½	6	11
(*348)	330	22	36	48	5	14	20
	360	8	17	32	21	27	36
TSB	70	16	17%	19%	½	1	2
(*86)	80	7	10%	12½	2	4	4%
	90	1%	5%	8	6%	8%	9½
Woolworth	750	95	105	110	2	10	20
(*836)	800	55	65	80	12	23	40
	850	22	45	55	45	60	70

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Beecham	460	110	120	—	4	10	—
(*560)	500	78	88	—	10	17	—
	550	41	58	65	28	38	43
	600	20	35	43	58	67	73
Boots	280	27	36	46	15	19	25
(*289)	300	18	25	34	29	33	39
	330	9	15	—	50	54	—
BTR	300	38	49	60	8	13	18
(*333)	330	22	30	42	21	27	30
	360	10	15	26	40	45	50
Bass	900	75	95	125	25	43	50
(*936)	950	45	65	95	35	63	75
	1000	18	45	70	90	95	105
Blue Circle	700	110	122	138	6	15	20
(*802)	750	70	78	95	13	23	32
	800	40	52	63	30	42	50
De Beers	1100	260	295	320	30	55	60
(*1310)	1200	195	230	260	50	75	95
	1300	145	195	215	100	130	165
	1400	90	125	160	160	190	210
Dixons	381	40	50	—	20	24	—
(*393)	390	—	—	50	—	—	30
	420	20	26	36	42	46	52
GKN	280	58	65	—	4	8	—
(*330)	300	41	50	58	11	16	19
	330	23	30	39	20	25	29
	360	10	18	25	34	38	42
Glaxo	1500	110	170	195	75	100	115
(*1512)	1550	85	145	170	95	135	150
	1600	65	125	145	125	160	175
	1650	43	100	—	155	185	—
Hanson	135	32%	36	—	1	2%	—
(*164)	150	20	25	—	6%	8	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Hanson contd	165	11	16½	—	10	12½	—
	180	5	10%	13%	18%	22	22%
Jaguar	550	60	78	102	18	22	33
(*586)	600	37	58	75	45	52	58
	650	14	37	—	77	80	—
Sears	130	11	15	20	6%	8	10
(*134)	140	6	11	15	11½	15	16%
	160	3	6%	9	27	28	30½
Tesco	420	75	93	—	4	12	—
(*482)	460	45	63	73	20	28	35
	500	23	37	50	40	45	53
Thorn EMI	500	115	122	—	2	4	—
(*601)	550	75	85	—	13	20	—
	600	43	55	72	30	40	47
	650	20	33	47	55	65	74
THF	200	47	56	65	2	3	7
(*242)	220	31	42	49	6	9	13
	240	16	25	32	13	17	21

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero	600	65	85	100	15	22	27
(*652)	650	35	57	73	32	40	45
	700	12	35	52	65	70	75
BAT Inds	420	122	133	—	1	1½	—
(*540)	460	82	98	—	3	7	—
	500	48	68	82	10	18	22
	550	22	40	53	37	40	45
Barclays	500	32	55	67	15	25	33
(*509)	550	9	32	42	47	52	57
	600	5	12	20	95	95	97
Brit Telecom	220	41	47	53	1	3%	6
(*257)	240	24	30	39	4	9	14
	260	11½	20	29	12	17	24
Cadbury Schwpps	240	24	34	40	10	15	18
(*250)	260	12	26	28	22	27	30
	280	6	14	—	37	43	—
Guinness	300	47	62	72	9	15	22
(*334)	330	27	43	55	20	25	30
	360	10	27	—	35	40	—
Ladbroke	373	73	83	—	2	2	—
(*442)	403	48	60	75	6	9	13
	443	18	33	45	20	22	27
LASMO	220	44	50	57	4	10	11
(*260)	240	29	37	44	10	16	20
	260	17	27	35	17	27	29
Midland Bank	550	100	112	—	3	9	—
(*641)	600	62	77	90	10	18	27
	650	25	42	55	30	40	45
Plessey	220	36	44	48	2%	4%	7
(*251)	240	23	31	36	7	10	13
	260	13	23	28	19	21	26
P & O	550	90	100	—	3	10	—
(*640)	600	44	70	85	8	18	27
	650	15	40	55	30	50	53
Racal	220	25	34	40	5%	10	12
(*234)	240	12	23	29	15	21	24
	260	4%	15	21	29	34	37
RTZ	650	122	137	—	6	10	—
(*758)	700	80	100	122	12	20	25
	750	45	70	94	30	42	50
	800	23	42	67	60	70	80
Vaal Reef	100	25	27	30½	2	5%	7
(*124)	110	18	21	25	4	6½	8
	120	12%	16%	19%	7%	10%	11%

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Lonrho	220	61	65	—	1½	2½	—
(*275)	240	43	47	—	3	6	—
	260	29	33	38	8	12	14
	280	17	23	28	15	21	24
	300	9	15	—	34	37	—

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991	104	4½	4%	—	1/16	7/32	—
(*£109)	106	2 9/16	2%	3	9/16	13/16	1½
	108	1%	1%	1%	1 1/16	1%	2
	110	%	%	1½	2½	[illegible]	3%
Tr 11¾% 03/07	114	8 5/16	9%	—	%	13/16	—
(*£123)	116	6%	7%	7%	%	1 3/16	1%
	118	5	6%	6%	%	[illegible]	2%
	120	3%	4%	5 3/16	1 5/16	[illegible]	[illegible]
	122	2 5/16	[illegible]	4½	2 5/16	3½	4 1/16

		Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FT-SE	1700	348	372	—	—	½	1	—	—
Index	1750	298	322	—	—	½	1	—	—
(*2041)	1800	248	272	290	—	½	2	4	—
	1850	198	223	243	—	%	3	8	—
	1900	148	180	198	—	½	9	15	—
	1950	98	137	157	180	1	15	23	38
	2000	50	87	120	137	4	28	38	48
	2050	15	60	87	107	23	47	55	88

March 26, 1987 . Total contracts 43569 . Calls 31461 . Puts 12028.
FT-SE Index. Calls925 . Puts746

*Underlying security price.

BICC

Engineering tomorrow's world brings profitable results today.

	1986 £m	1985 £m
Turnover	2,143	2,109
Profit before interest	114	111
Net interest payable	13	19
Profit before taxation	101	92
Taxation	39	36
Profit after taxation	62	56
Minority interests and preference dividends	17	17
Attributable profit before extraordinary items	45	39
Extraordinary items	(13)	(11)
Attributable profit	32	28
Earnings per share before extraordinary items	22.7p	20.3p
Dividends per share	11.75p	11.0p

- Pre-tax profits increased by 10% to £101m.
- Final dividend increased from 7.5p to 8.25p.
- Earnings per share up by 12% to 22.7p.
- Net borrowings reduced by £85m.
- Gearing reduced from 31% to 6% during 1986.

Chairman Sir William Barlow says:

1986 was a year of continuing improvement. Pre-tax profits increased *by 10% to £101m and with higher* attributable profits and earnings per share up by 12%, the Board is recommending an increase in dividend of 0.75p to 11.75p.

A major improvement in the Group's cash position was also achieved during the year and resulted in a fall in net borrowings of £85m compared with a reduction of £5m in 1985. This reduced gearing from 31% in 1985 to only 6% at the end of 1986.

Our objective is to attain the leading edge in competitive endeavour in all BICC's chosen fields of engineering. In the pursuit of this objective we are determined to achieve higher levels of performance, quality and service which will accelerate the improvement in earnings.

For a copy of the 1986 Annual Report, available shortly, please contact
BICC plc.
Devonshire House,
Mayfair Place,
London W1X 5FH
Tel: 01-629 6622

Results are stated on full group accounts which [illegible] the Registrar of Companies

هكذا من الاصل

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Farmer's island

Paradise for Tom Farmer, chairman of exhaust and tyre empire Kwik-Fit, is a deserted island with no cars. Farmer, aged 45, a self-made millionaire, has bought himself a 65-acre island in the Firth of Forth, five miles offshore from his native Edinburgh, for £40,000. Inchkeith Island doesn't even have mains electricity or sewage — let alone cars — and its only building is a lighthouse. It is inhabited by a solitary woman running an animal sanctuary, for a motley collection of donkeys, sheep and pigs, and Farmer says he plans, eventually, to turn it into a youth adventure centre. "She took the animals there by boat — it must have looked just like Noah's Ark," he says. He drives within sight of it every day on his way to work and looks down on it whenever he flies into Edinburgh Airport "just to check the donkeys are OK". He has also studied its history. "It was a POW camp during the Napoleonic Wars, a plague colony at one time and King Malcolm once gave it to Queen Margaret of Scotland as a present," he says.

FOURPENCE OFF FISH FINGERS!
FROZEN FOODS
JOAN SAUSBURY TO HEAD ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
Smith

Club Dogs

City slickers working in the Docklands end of the Square Mile could soon be spending their lunch hours amid the palm trees of a tropical leisure centre. Club Mediterranée, the Paris-based holiday company, *is contemplating a £50 million* investment in a covered resort development in either Docklands or next to Heathrow Airport. Plans include a 500-bedroom hotel, a *pyramid*, constant tropical weather and extensive leisure facilities.

● **Reason given by a stockbroker for always using the stairs instead of the lift to get to his third floor office: "I can't bear to hear anyone say 'Going down'."**

Leaving light

The departure of Sir Godfrey *Messervy as chairman* of Lucas does not mean that the company is about to return to the CBI fold. New chairman Tony Gill supports the controversial withdrawal made earlier this month. He complains that the CBI ignored the company's views on how to best represent manufacturing industry, and says the company will continue with its own methods of lobbying Parliament. But he would still like to know who *leaked the news of the* resignation on the same day that Sir John Barnham was installed as the CBI's new D-G. It appeared, he said, as if Lucas had done it to achieve maximum publicity but in fact the company had ceased to be a member more than a month before.

● **The 1987 edition of the *Directory of Directors*, just published, shows *inter alia* that Lord Goodman holds no fewer than 28 directorships, ranging from the London Symphony Orchestra Trustees and United Racecourses through Hazlipp Investments and Jack Hylton Limited to the Henry Moore Foundation. Jack of all trades . . . and master of all?**

Free spirit

For the first time in its 300 year history, a woman has been invited to join the ruling council of Lloyd's of London. Elizabeth Freeman, a 37-year-old mother of three, will be scoring an historical double — she will also become its youngest member. Educated at Wrexham Grammar School and Girton College, Cambridge, Mrs Freeman, a *barrister* by profession, is now a law lecturer at Cambridge University with special interests in company and European Community law. Her appointment, which begins in July, is one of *four new* nominations suggested by the Neill Report. The other three are Brian Pomeroy, a partner at accountants Touche Ross; Sir Maurice Hodgson, former chairman of both ICI and Dunlop and *currently* chairman of Storehouse; and Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank. In February four working members of the Council offered their resignation — again in compliance *with the* Neill Report — and so the number of Council members will one again return to 28.

Carol Leonard

Standard Oil to be the jewel in BP's crown

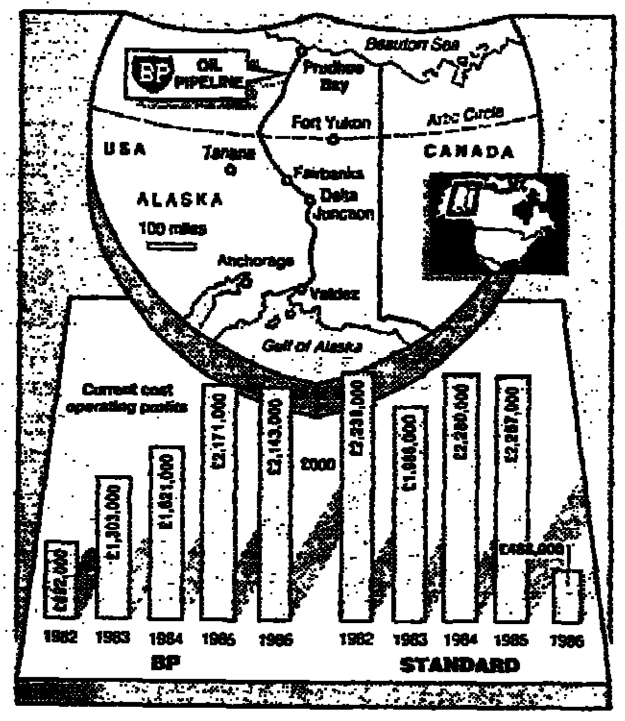
The bid by British Petroleum for the 45 per cent of Standard Oil it does not already own has been a long time coming, according to most oil *industry analysts. Nevertheless* there were few yesterday who could claim they had predicted its arrival.

The price of $7.4 billion (£4.6 billion) offered by BP is not too far off the $6 billion the company has seen lost or written off since 1981 by the management it inherited in Cleveland, Ohio.

The embarrassing failure of the Mukluk project in Alaska and the ill-fated move into copper made Sohio, as the company was then named, a disastrous investment and helped draw nearer the day when BP made the move it announced yesterday.

The process started subtly. Sohio changed from "BP's US associate" to "BP's US subsidiary" three years ago, and the most significant move came a year ago when Mr Bob Horton, one of the two BP directors on the board of Sohio, moved over full-time to become chairman, replacing *Mr Alton Whitehouse.*

Mr Horton arrived with a restructuring plan that would cost $1.5 billion and was seen as one of the most drastic attacks on an existing corporate strategy in US commercial history



Dramatic changes have led BP to feel that Standard Oil is now in a position to move *fully into its ownership.* BP says the move would have been made sooner but a priority was to put a more *successful management structure* in place.

Standard Oil's remaining 45 per cent of shareholders contain many small investors. Until now there have been those in BP who thought a full *bid would be opposed by those* who want to retain an element of Americanism about the company. Formed after the *break-up of the John D.* Rockefeller empire, Sohio had become a cornerstone of the Ohio economy.

The fact that the British Government was also a *substantial shareholder* in BP held its takeover ambitions in check, although the official view is that no such problem existed. Wall Street might like what BP management does but Washington could hardly allow what is still an important US company into the hands of a foreign company which in turn was almost a third *held* by its own Government.

However, BP itself is a more international operation, and the appetite for holdings in BP from within the US itself seems insatiable. Thus the *view that a full bid by BP for* Standard would lead to anti-British sentiment among oil investors or any US Government opposition *has evaporated.*

BP acquired its interest in Sohio in the 1960s when it found the Prudhoe Bay field in the north slope of Alaska, the biggest oilfield yet discovered outside the Arabian Gulf. It therefore had huge amounts of oil about to come on stream in the US — exports have always been banned by the US Government — and no outlets.

Sohio had an extensive refining and marketing operation and looked the perfect partner. BP swapped its *Alaska oil for shares in Sohio* and turned the Cleveland company into a big-time player in the US.

In retrospect it seems that the management skills needed to channel such revenues were not available in Cleveland, and the attentions of Britannic House were not fully focused there. That has changed. The US stock markets have liked the Horton proposals and it is realizing that there is much within Standard Oil that is in *excellent shape and able* to meet the challenge of lower oil prices.

The Horton philosophy, after only a year in place, is bringing results. The view in the industry is that the Standard assets will shortly return to being the jewel in the BP crown, and that crown will eventually be passed on to the *head of the man who has* carried out the restructuring.

David Young
Energy Correspondent

Real prize is gaining access to cash flows for the group

For years, the City has been mesmerized by the sight of British Petroleum standing helplessly by as Standard Oil recklessly squandered away its Alaskan riches like some cash-crazed oil sheikh.

Standard has the dubious distinction of having drilled the £225 million Muklak well, *the world's most expensive dry* hole, while its attempts to diversify were disastrous. In 1985, it wrote off $1.7 billion (£1.06 billion), mainly in connection with mineral and coal operations.

British Petroleum's somewhat uneasy co-existence with its unruly subsidiary has been smoother since BP put its own *executives in charge just one* year ago.

But, as long as it owned only 55 per cent of Standard, the BP group had no access to its cash flows. It was only entitled to a dividend on its shares which, in 1986, was less than £200 million, compared with expected cash flows this year of $1.3 billion (£800 million).

Meanwhile, BP was doing *its own direct investment in* the US through BP North America, and the relationship of the two US subsidiaries needed to be regularized.

The impact of the acquisition on BP's net income is *expected to be neutral.* Interest on borrowings of $7.4 billion, loss of the dividend income, and goodwill write-offs will cancel out the increased profits. The real prize is access to Standard's cash flows for use in the group.

Gearing, however, will go up. Total debt to capital employed will rise from 23 per *cent to 35 per cent on completion.* But the more rigorous measure of net debt to equity will jump to 72 per cent, according to the oil analyst Mr Paul Gregory, at the stockbroker Wood Mackenzie.

Leaving aside criticisms that BP should have bought out the minority years ago, the timing is opportune. The Government's announcement that *it will sell its BP shares* disposes of a potential political problem. And the oil price is low, so in later years BP will not be accused of paying too high a price.

Indeed, it may be offering too low. The $70 offered is a mere $5 above the market price immediately prior to the bid.

***When Royal Dutch/Shell* tendered for Shell Oil minority, it initially offered $55, an $11 premium over the market price, and ended up paying $60. If BP offers more, it will dilute earnings slightly and result in higher gearing ratios.**

The BP share price has rocketed to 922p, up 30p, reflecting the good news, and the shares now stand on a multiple of more than 10. If BP needs to raise its offer, it can only dampen enthusiasm

Carol Ferguson

TEMPUS

Smith & Nephew rides high on US acquisition

Unlike many British businesses which regret buying US companies, Smith & Nephew is delighted with its recent purchase of Richards Medical, the largest US orthopaedic products company.

It has excellent potential, particularly in the arthroscopy market, and is already covering its acquisitions costs.

Medical and Healthcare business should account for about 73 per cent of operating profits this year, including a £15 million contribution from Richards Medical.

Low raw material costs and currency movements led to a widening of margins in Medical and Other Textiles. The profitabilty of Plastics and Tapes will improve also afterthe sale of Anchor.

Personal Hygiene products *gained market* share helped by a reorganized sales and marketing team. Own label manufacture has grown.

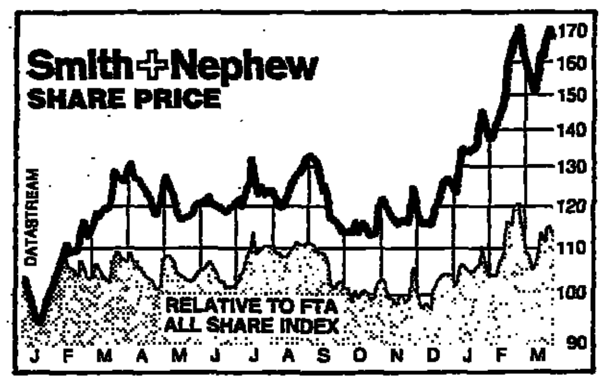
About 8 per cent of Smith & Nephew's business is in latex products. The sale of non-sterile examination glovesrocketed last year reflecting concern about Aids. North American manu*facturing capacity* is being increased by 40 per cent by early 1988.

Sales of prefilled syringes have been strong also and there are plans to double capacity by mid-1988. This partly reflects increased use of generic drugs but is also linked to Aids worries about needle usage.

Year-end gearing was 36 per cent but the sale of Anchor has reduced it by 10 *percentage* points. Despite the continuing capital expenditure programme, gearing should fall this year.

The tax charge will remain lower than expected, providing a better earnings progression. On forecasts for this year and next of £116 million and £140 million respectively, the rating is coming down sharply.

Smith & Nephew has an excellent record and a broad spread of businesses in growing markets. Its shares provide an interesting exposure to the pharmaceuticals sector.



Lucas Industries

Patience will be a virtue for shareholders in Lucas Industries. Changes of management often mean changes of fortune and the boardroom shuffle at the company must be a bull point.

The figures were not good *and the full-year's turn-out is* unlikely to be much better. Analysts think it will be lucky to make £100 million against *their* earlier expectations of up to £110 million and £95.2 million in the last full year.

Bringing itself back into the first division of world engineering is costing the company lot of money. The *interest charge of* £12.3 million, compared with last year's £14.6 million, was higher than expected by the City following *last* year's rights issue. Whether the money is being spent well is *the question.* It is probably being spent more wisely than it has in the past — but the benefits lie in the future.

The harsh reality is that the British automotive business is still struggling.

The shares, at 568p, are on a p/e of 10.6, which on falling earnings per share is probably generous. Looking ahead, to possible profits of £120 million in 1988, means a p/e of 9, which makes them a long-*term* "buy" for those with faith in British engineering.

United Newspapers

Fleet Street's battle for circulation and twentieth century printing methods will always leave blood on the floor. For United Newpapers, now owner of the Express group, the casualty has been at the net earnings a share level, down from 27.2p to 25.3p a share, and shareholders are left to limp home with only a 0.5p increase in the year's dividend.

But the cry from the commanding officer is "hold on" — victory is in sight.

The come-on is that the earnings dip, blamed entirely *on the higher issued capital* after the Fleet Holdings takeover, will be temporary; that cost benefits of the £67 million redundancy package are starting to come through; and that the profit potential from national newspapers this year is "substantial". So in 1987, earnings and dividends will rise.

Last year, national newspapers brought home £13.6 million, and the fancy numbers being bandied about suggest national newspapers might be capable of turning in between £25 million and £30 million this year.

The group's regional papers marched from £6.3 million to £10.3 million, while consumer magazines doubled their profits.

Until United Newpapers *finalizes its thoughts about* Fleet Street a tight reign will be held on costs. Circulation levels are said to have seen the bottom, and advertising rates are firm. So if things do go United's way, and there are *no problems in notorious* Fleet Street, pretax profits could reach the £80 million area this year.

The shares offer a prospective price earnings ratio of 13.4p. But there is no need to rush.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Moving in circles as uncertainty returns

The combination of opinion polls and the latest balance of payments figures had markets moving in circles yesterday. The spring boom in both shares and gilt-edged has been predicated on the assumption that there will be an early summer election and that Mrs Thatcher will win it. Polls suggesting an Alliance surge would, for a time at least, force markets back on *economic realities.*

The gilt-edged market is particularly vulnerable, not least because long-term yields have been more than a point lower than base rates. The Paris meeting of the Group of Five and Nigel Lawson's statesmanlike Budget were both good for the pound and hence short-term interest rates.

The Bank of England has been keeping the money markets short — if not exactly starved — of funds this week. After two half point cuts in base rates, the Old Lady is flashing amber. Money market rates steadied at about half a point below base rates and edged up on Wednesday.

The Bank action had also convinced the market that it was being prepared for a poor set of trade figures. As this filtered through, gilt-edged prices fell sharply in front of the figures, reinforced in their pessimism by opinion poll suggestions of a hung parliament on *present voting intentions — a big* incentive for Mrs Thatcher to delay a real poll.

In the event, the trade figures were much better than expected. Indeed, they were good. The current account showed an increased surplus for February. That is encouraging after Mr Lawson had taken the opportunity in his Budget to revise the forecast overall deficit for *1987 up from £1.5 to £2.5 billion.* Moreover, the improvement came from a much reduced non-oil trade deficit, reflecting sharply rising exports and imports lagging behind the worrying levels of late last year.

Gilt-edged prices rallied but pessimism returned. The trade figures looked "too good to be true" and there were leaks of another Alliance-boosting opinion poll. Prices ended nearly three quarters of a point down on the day.

A few polls favouring the alliance will not of themselves unduly worry holders of gilt-edged or equities. While the City always prefers a Tory government, it would not mind a Tory/Alliance coalition that much, while the emergence of the Alliance as the second political party would *itself* lessen the long-term political uncertainty that overhangs markets at the fag end of governments. It is the threat of a Labour government committed to higher spending and no asset sales that really worries gilt-edged dealers.

There is a dual change of perception. Economic concerns are at least temporarily, receding. But political uncertainty is returning. When that is thought through, gilt-edged should appear less vulnerable than shares, *which now look even more likely to* follow the usual seasonal pattern and register the year's net gains before the average investor has finished his spring cleaning.

A1 at Lloyd's

At the end of the month Bowring will lose its senior deputy chairman: after 37 years with Lloyd's preeminent brokers Ivor Binney is retiring, to have as he put it "more time to smell the flowers." At the relatively tender age of 57, it would be suprising if his talents and enormous experience of the insurance market were left to lie *fallow for long. The senior member of* the Council of Lloyd's, when he leaves at the end of the year he will have completed eight years, in two spells of four years: his insights into the workings of that august body are surely unrivalled.

He is particularly proud of two things. First Bowring's unblemished record of integrity in times when the name *Lloyd's, in the eyes of politicians and* public, has become almost synonymous with scandal and excessive greed. Second his leading role during the negotiations, in 1980, which led to Bowrings being taken over by America's leading insurance broking firm, Marsh & McLennan. Had they not come together, M&M's interest in the London market would not have developed in the *way it has, and Lloyd's would have been* the loser. As M&M, taking account of its subsequent sale from the Bowring stable of Bowmaker, Singer & Friedlander and Crusader, ended up with a great reinsurance business virtually for free, the deal was clearly good for both.

Ivor Binney will not regret having to given up his regular commuting to the United States. He is however looking forward to having more time to improve his already formidable golf. Members of Piltdown, you have been warned!.

Don't miss the Cambridge boat.

LONDON
2 Princes Street
London EC2P 2DB

208 Piccadilly
London W1A 2DG

BIRMINGHAM
Colmore Centre
103 Colmore Row
Birmingham B3 3NS

BRISTOL
32 Corn Street
Bristol BS99 7UG

CARDIFF
117 St Mary Street
Cardiff CF1 1LG

LEEDS
8 Park Row
Leeds LS1 1QS

LIVERPOOL
22 Castle Street
Liverpool L69 2BE

MANCHESTER
55 King Street
Manchester M60 2DB

NEWCASTLE
87 Grey Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 6ER

GLASGOW
14 Blythswood Square
Glasgow G2 4AQ

NORWICH
45 London Street
Norwich NR2 1HX

EDINBURGH
80 George Street
Edinburgh EH2 3DZ

CAMBRIDGE
10 Bene't Street
Cambridge CB2 3PU

Cambridge Instruments, one of the world's leading high technology and precision scientific instruments groups, is about to be floated on The Stock Exchange.

You can pick up a prospectus and application form from Kleinwort Benson Limited at 20 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3P 3DB or any of the National Westminster banks listed above. But the offer closes at 10am on Wednesday April 1st.

So hurry. If you want to apply you'll have to get moving.

Cambridge Instruments SHARE OFFER

Issued by Kleinwort Benson Limited on behalf of The Cambridge Instrument Company plc.
This advertisement does not constitute an offer or invitation to subscribe for, or to purchase, any shares in the Company.

هكذا من الأصل

Surprise from Kwik-Fit with leap to £11m profit

By John Bell, City Editor

Kwik-Fit Europe's largest independent tyre and exhaust retailer yesterday surprised the City with full year profits £1 million ahead of expectations

The chairman Mr Tom Farmer said "I had two personal targets at the start of the last financial year — £100 million of sales and £10 million of profit and I am delighted that we reached both"

The turnover was £102 6 million and profits before tax reached a best-ever £11 1 million a rise of 67 per cent on the previous year

The strong growth arose principally from three factors Kwik-Fit opened 21 new outlets during the year, extensively refurbished 14 more and added additional services such as brake fitting and servicing, at 40 others. By the end of April this year, 100 of the group's locations will be offering brake servicing.

The third element is a relentless pressure on costs due to the computer-based sustems which have been installed over the past few years This showed through in a 10 8 per cent profit margin on sales and a return on net assets of over 34 per cent last year

With cash being generated strongly and £6 25 million coming in from the sale of investment properties, the balance sheet improved considerably during the year

Borrowings fell from £15 million at the start of the year to £6 6 million by the end, trimming gearing to a comfortable 20 per cent

Mr Farmer is looking for further growth this year Ten of the new outlets were opened only in the last two months of the year and two more were opened in March

Kwik-Fit will continue to add extra services through existing locations bringing them into more direct competition with garages

In the longer term, Mr Farmer believes that a move to develop the group's fleet business could add a further sizeable contribution to profits

"Major fleet users running thousands of vehicles could save considerably on direct cost and administration by dealing with a large organisation such as ours," he said

Earnings per share rose 65 3 per cent to 13 11p. Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 1 2p per share making a total 31 per cent higher at 2 2p

£6m profits for Rotork as markets decline

By Cliff Feltham

Rotork the valve control group has been living under the shadow of a takeover bid when trading has not been easy Even so the group managed to raise pretax profits from £5 4 million to £6 3 million on turnover slightly ahead at £33 2 million

Meggitt Holdings, the engineering group, has acquired a 2 per cent stake in the company when many of Rotork's main markets have fallen away

Its actuators — which open and close valves — have not been needed by the oil industry because of a reduction in new work The prospects of more business supplying the nuclear industry almost disappeared with the Chernobyl disaster

On the stock market the shares held firm at 190p, having come up from 130p earlier in the year

Lower premiums slow Stewart Wrightson

By Michael Tate

Insurance premium rate increases are slowing in many areas, particularly in North America, says Stewart Wrightson and as a result income growth is slowing also The company's 1986 profits failed to match the £23 million forecast and ran out at £21 5 million against £18 7 million in 1985

Stewart Wrightson, which earns three-quarters of its profits from insurance broking and the balance from general insurance,has noted widespread premium rates declines. They fell in North American property, casualty businessand the aviation hull sector

The 1986 figures also show a loss of £1 8 million due to an increase in bad and doubtful debt provisions.

Group earnings per share rose from 24 6p to 28p and the dividend rises from 11p to 13p

APPOINTMENTS

Lucas Industries Mr Tony Gill becomes chairman and chief executive, succeeding Sir Godfrey Messervy from August 1 Mr **Alan Watkins** becomes managing director, Aerospace, and Mr **Robert Dale** becomes managing director Automotive

Trinity International Holdings Mr **Philip Graf** has been elected to the board as an executive director

Mannesmann Tally Mr **Rod Saar** becomes managing director

Mr Tony Gill

Deloitte Haskins & Sells. Mr **George Eccles** is made a partner Mr **Kerry Stephens** rejoins the partnership from May 1 Mr **John Bawler** will become a partner from August 1

D'Arcy Developments: Mr **Stephen Pritchard** becomes chief executive

Sequent Computer Systems Mr **Lary Evans** has been named vice president, Manufacturing.

COMPANY NEWS

● **TRINITY INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS:** Final dividend 16p making 21p (15p) for 1986 Figures in £000s Turnover 83 704 (83,365) pretax profit 9 827 (6,690) profit after tax 6,093 (4 403), earnings per share 54 3p (39 3p) Group profits papermaking and packaging 5 101 (3,729), newspapers in North America 3 333 (2 518), newspapers in Britain 1 488 (834) profit before interest and tax 9 922 (7,081)

● **RELIANCE SECURITY GROUP:** Charterhouse Bank has agreed to procure subscribers for 1 450 000 shares and to procure purchasers for 350 000 shares of 5p each in Reliance Security Group in each case at a price of 140p per share The shares to be placed represent 17 5 per cent of the issued share capital Dealings are expected to begin on the USM next Monday

● **FINLAN GROUP:** The company has entered into a joint venture agreement with London and Colonial Properties to develop 11 5 acres at Luton airport

● **EGERTON TRUST:** The chairman outlined at the annual meeting details of an extensive development programme and reiterated the group's intention to expand further through acqusitions He said he was enthusiastic about the prospects for the coming year

● **KEPPEL CORPORATION:** The company has launched a $60 million (£37 5 million) convertible bond issue in the international capital market to reduce its interest costs and broaden its capital base

● **EADIE HOLDINGS:** Dividend 1 5p as forecast for 1986 Figures in £000s. Turnover 8,705 (7,222), profit before tax 702 (249), profit attributable 594 (312), earnings per share 7 45p (3 35p) Trading continues to be buoyant

● **ROHAN GROUP:** Final dividend 2 88p making 5 28p (4 8p) for 1986 Figures in Ir £000s Turnover 21 533 or £20 31 million (19 235), trading profit before exceptional items 2 062 (1 501) pretax profit 1 795 (130), eps 12 42p (1 21p loss)

● **WOLSTENHOLME RINK:** Final dividend 6 25p making 9p (7 75p) for 1986 Figures in £000s Turnover 28 885 (23 646) pretax profit 2,656 (1 303), profit attributable 2,573 (loss 1 050), earnings per share 28 0p (9 5p)

● **CLIFFORDS DAIRIES:** Yearto December 31 (figures in £000s) Turnover including 10 months of Morton Foods at £1 8 million 93 631 (84 581), operating profit 5 013 (4 512) Profit before tax 4 521 (3 859), profit after tax 2 763 (2,195), earnings per share — adjusted — 19 58p (17 32p) Morton Foods acquisition showeda strong growth with profits at the higher end of expectations

● **RADIO CITY (SOUND OF MERSEYSIDE):** The chairman said that with regard to the Beatle City, negotiations for the sale of both the exhibition and the premises are at an advanced stage The radio station's return to profitability towards the end of the last financial year is continuing.

● **GN GREAT NORDIC:** Dividend 12 per cent (same) for 1986 Figures in kroner (millions) Turnover 2,411 or £216 233 (2,570), pretax result 89 (168), net profit after tax and minorities 81 (108)

● **BRIDPORT-GUNDRY:** Half year to January 31 Figures in £000s) Interim 1 9p (1 65p) Profit before tax 442 (924), tax 155 (336) Minority interests 14 (22), profit attributable 273 (566) attributable earnings per share 2 70p (6 39p) Because of the continued uncertainty in the timing of American defence orders, the second half is unlikely to be quite as good as the same period last year However the longer term prospects for the group look good

● **PANTHERELLA:** Figures in £000s Turnover for 1986 was 5,028 (4,608) Profit before tax 698 (761), tax 253 (313) profit attributable 445 (448) earnings per share 11 12p (11 20p) No final dividend because of an intended offer from the Great Universal Stores An interim of 1 5p was paid on January 5 Trading in the first months of the current year has been satisfactory

● **CPL COMPUTERS:** Half year to December 31 (51 wks to June 30,1986) Figures in £000's Turnover 13,684 (17 016), gross profit 3,243 (4 798), other operating costs (net) 2,751 (4,098) Net interest payable and similar charges 57 (120) Profit before tax 435 (580), tax 287 (234), minority interests 51 (62) extraordinary loss 111 (437) Earnings per share 0 60p (1 75p)

● **ROCKWOOD:** Final dividend nil (0 5p) for year to December 31 Figures in £000s Turnover 5 664 (4 661), profit before tax 154 (1), tax 52 (1) Outlook encouraging.

● **MURRAY VENTURES:** Interim dividend of 1 75p (1 25p) and board intends to recommend a final dividend for the year to July 31 1987 of at least 3 25p per share for six months to January 31 1987 Figures in £'s Dividends and interest 1 024 909(878,211), underwriting commission 16 239 (14 692), interest on borrowed money 111,434 (318,453), expenses 189,109 (114 986), Revenue before tax 740,605 (459 464),tax 218,156 (159 862) Revenue available for ordinary shareholders 522,449 (299 602) Earnings per share 2 51p (1 44p on old cap)

● **BENNETT & FOUNTAIN GROUP:** Half-year results to December 31 With figures in £000 Turnover wholesaling 8 934 (6 494) and retailing 5,747 (1 868) Pretax profit 1,259 (705) Earnings per share 1 1p (0 6p on old capital)

● **ABBEYCREST:** A final dividend of 1 5p will be paid on May 12 making 4p for the 16 months to December 31 (nil for the year to August 31 1985) With figures in £000 Turnover 18 109 (7 598) Pretax profit 1 910 (760) Earnings per share 18 4p (7 2p) A one-for-one scrip issue is planned

● **TIBBET & BRITTEN:** First and final dividend 2 3p. as forecast will be paid on May 28 With figures in £000 Turnover 36,049 (32 591) Pretax profit 3 376 (1 940) Earnings per share 9 1p (6 7p)

● **LOPEX:** Total dividend for 1986 4 2p against the 4p forecast at the time of the offer for sale With figures in £000 Turnover 112,947 (100 109) Pretax profit 3 577 (2 329)

● **ALIDA HOLDINGS:** Total dividend 8p (6 5p, adjusted) for 1986 With figures in £000 Turnover 38 479 (35,276) Pretax profit 3,805 (2,782) Earnings per share 22 1p (15 5p, adjusted)

● **YORK MOUNT GROUP:** The company has tendered for the acquisition of a complementary business and a further announcement will be made if the tender is successful

● **THOMAS JOURDAN:** A final dividend of 3 25p making 4 5p (3 67p), will be paid for 1986 on May 8 With figures in £000 Turnover 15,750 (11,211). Pretax profit 2,064 (1,353) Earnings per share 12 65p (9 40p)

● **PRESSAC HOLDINGS:** Half-year to January 31 Interim dividend 0 85p (0 7p) With figures in £000 Turnover 13 106 (10,643) Pretax profit 1 045 (620) Earnings per share 7 10p (4 25p) The board reports that the group's current performance should provide the foundation for another successful year

● **GARFUNKELS RESTAURANTS:** Total dividend for 1986 1 5p (1 3p) The board proposes a one-for-five scrip issue With figures in £000 Turnover 28,886 (22,275) Pretax profit 4,806 (3,403) Earnings per share 9 57p (7 30p)

● **EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE:** Total dividend for 1986 8p (6 7p) Long-term business profits for policyholders and shareholders of £86 3 million (£72 5 million) Shareholders' earnings, after tax, £8 07 million (£6 77 million) The society enjoyed another record year for sales with new annual premiums rising by more than 13 per cent to £51 1 million and single premiums by 39 per cent to £166 4 million Overseas sales increased to about one quarter of the total

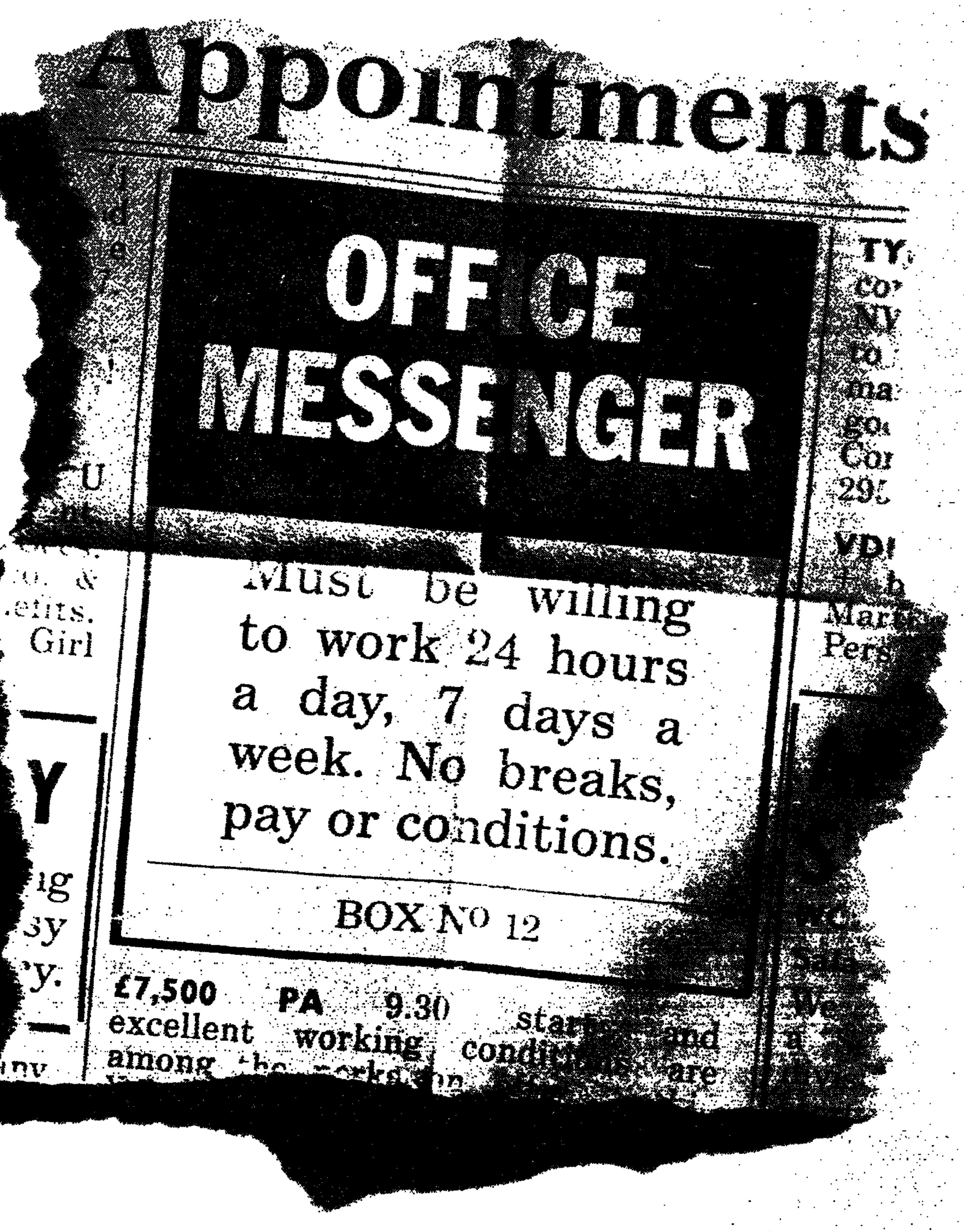
● **CANDOVER INVESTMENTS:** Total dividend for 1986 7p (4p) With figures in £000 total income 1 594 (1 583) Pretax profit 895 (756) Earnings per share basic 8 24p (6 21p) and fully diluted 7 73p (6 02p)

● **ASHTEAD GROUP:** The company is to acquire Kevplant from Norwest Holst for £1 48 million through the issue of 400,000 new shares and the balance in cash

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10 00%
Adam & Company	10 00%
BCCI	10 00%
Citibank Savings†	12 45%
Consolidated Crds	10 00%
Co-operative Bank	10 00%
C Hoare & Co	10 00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10 00%
Lloyds Bank	10 00%
Nat Westminster	10 00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10 00%
TSB	10 00%
Citibank NA	10 00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.



Appointments
OFFICE MESSENGER
Must be willing to work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. No breaks, pay or conditions.
BOX No 12
£7,500 PA 9.30
excellent working conditions are
Girl

Sounds like a job for a complete and utter Telex.

It's a canny company that employs a Telex.

Without so much as a murmur or a polite request for flexi time, a Telex will remain dutifully at its post for as long as it's plugged in and switched on Sending messages. Receiving messages. Sending messages. Receiving messages.

Whether you're there in the office or tucked up in bed thinking about the money you've saved on insomniac messenger boys. And yet, this painfully loyal worker is surprisingly cheap to use.

A local Telex costs a trifling 11p to send, while further afield in the United Kingdom, it's still only 32p.

So call us free on 0800 400 466 (24 hours) or return the coupon opposite. And find out more about exploiting a Telex.

Get on in business. Get on the Telex.

Send to British Telecom Telex FREEPOST BS 3333, Bristol BS1 6GZ Telex 449217 BT TAN G TA08
Name
Company
Address
Postcode
Type of Business
Telephone
Do you have a Telex?
Yes No ✓ As appropriate

British TELECOM

The costs are for telex calls exclusive of VAT and the cost of sending a three minute direct dialled call from your own Telex, for example, approximately equivalent to an A4 typed letter of 200 words.

How much money did you make in British Airways?

"The world's favourite airline" has just gone public but did you make money? Generally speaking the private investor almost always makes money in new issues. But just how much depends on having the right information and getting the application weighted "dead right" and there is a secret here Thousands of people already make good, steady profits investing in new issues and often nothing else year after year They're not especially clever or anything like that, just well informed and in the right place at the right time The New Issue Share Guide is the country's only specialist publication devoted exclusively to new issues

Drop us a line today and we will send you FREE details then you too can enjoy the simple secret that already enables hundreds of investors to maximise those profits safely in this exciting area of the stock market

P S. After BA and Capital Radio there will be many more new issues to come in 1987 Don't miss out!

To New Issue Share Guide Ltd 3 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1AU
Name
Address
Postcode SX 27/3

Bank of Scotland Home Loan Rate

Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from 1st May 1987 Bank of Scotland Home Loan Rate will be decreased to 11.25% per annum.

For new Mortgages granted from 27th March onwards, the 11.25% Home Loan Rate will apply immediately.

Bank of Scotland,
Head Office,
The Mound,
Edinburgh
EH1 1YZ

BANK OF SCOTLAND
A FRIEND FOR LIFE

هكذا من الأصل

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities recover early losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on Monday. Dealings end April 3. §Contango day April 6. Settlement day April 13.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 20

Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
2	McAlpine (Alfred)	Building,Roads	
3	Amec	Building,Roads	
4	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
5	Wade Potteries	Industrials S-Z	
6	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Ibstock Johnsen	Building,Roads	
8	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
9	Bulmer (HP)	Breweries	
10	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
11	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
12	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
13	Forminster	Drapery,Stores	
14	House of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
15	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
16	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
17	Kwik Save	Foods	
18	ASDA-MFI (aa)	Foods	
19	Ayrshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
20	Borland	Electricals	
21	Centreway Ind	Industrials A-D	
22	Ruberoid	Building,Roads	
23	Exel	Industrials E-K	
24	Lawtex	Industrials L-R	
25	Unigate (aa)	Foods	
26	Hoskyns Gp	Electricals	
27	Pearson (aa)	Industrials L-R	
28	Oxford Instruments	Electricals	
29	Hepworth Ceramic	Industrials E-K	
30	Adwest	Industrials A-D	
31	Erskine House	Industrials E-K	
32	Chamberlain Ph	Industrials A-D	
33	Habit Precision	Industrials E-K	
34	Crouch (Derek)	Building,Roads	
35	Canning (W)	Chemicals,Plas	
36	Dalgety	Industrials A-D	
37	Nu-Swift Inds	Industrials L-R	
38	Amber Ind	Industrials A-D	
39	Bridport-Gundry	Industrials A-D	
40	NMC Inv	Industrials L-R	
41	Raine Ind	Building,Roads	
42	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
43	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
44	Freshbake	Foods	
© Times Newspapers Ltd.		Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

© Times Newspapers Limited

DAILY DIVIDEND
£4,000
Claims required for
+42 points
Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

BREWERIES

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS AND TV

DRAPERY AND STORES

ELECTRICALS

FINANCE AND LAND

Financial Trusts appear on Page 24

FOODS

HOTELS AND CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

E-K

L-R

S-Z

INSURANCE

Investment Trusts appear on Page 24

LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

OIL & GAS

OVERSEAS TRADERS

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

SHOES AND LEATHER

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

هكذا من الاصل

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	112.7	119.2●	-1.5	10.07
High Inc Equity	121.1	128.8c	+0.3	4.04
Worldwide Bond	195.9	208.3●	+0.3	4.86
American Growth	174.6	185.7	+0.2	0.78
Asian Pacific	67.7	72.0	..	1.57
Assets & Earns	143.5	152.6	-0.9	1.87
Capital Reserve	71.3	71.7●	+0.7	1.41
Comm & Energy	137.7	146.4●	+3.8	0.78
European Capital	94.4	100.4c	+0.4	1.26
General	168.1	178.8	-0.2	2.47
Japan	80.8	85.7	+0.3	..
UK Growth Inc	143.9	153.0●	-0.5	1.03
Do Accum	208.1	221.3c	-0.7	0.71
US Emerging Co's	83.0	87.0	+0.1	0.07
Equitas Progress	266.4	283.4	+0.5	2.54
Mastertst Acc	78.4	83.3	+0.9	1.97
American Inc	53.1	56.4	-0.1	4.65

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4DE
01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australian	77.4	82.8	+1.2	..
Europe Growth Acc	117.4	125.0●	+0.5	1.24
Exempt	376.6	398.9●	+0.5	4.18
Far Eastern	208.6	223.1●	..	0.10
Fin & Prop	77.3	81.9●	+0.2	2.73
High Yield	72.8	77.1	+0.1	4.48
Income & Gth	311.8	330.3●	+0.2	3.73
Intl Earnings	198.5	210.3c	..	2.13
Intl Growth Inc	96.5	102.8●	+0.4	0.57
Japan Growth Acc	980.3	1049.0●	+0.5	3.73
Nat Resources Inc	248.7	264.9c	+4.6	..
Nth Amer Gth Inc	132.1	141.3	-0.4	0.80
Preference Inc	121.9	128.1c	+0.2	10.21
Small Co's Div Inc	82.2	87.1	-0.6	4.01
Small Co's Gth	283.1	299.9●	+1.3	1.35
Special Sits Inc	152.2	161.2	+1.1	1.39
UK Growth	407.6	431.8c	-0.7	2.42

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610366 & 0793 28291

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Special Sits	283.3	300.3●	+0.6	2.86
Growth & Income	160.6	170.2●	-0.3	3.01
Capital Trust	276.5	292.0c	-0.7	2.54
Balanced	446.2	473.0	-0.6	2.81
Accum Trust	672.7	713.1	-2.1	2.54
American Income	33.2	35.4	..	4.21
High Income Tst	305.9	324.3●	+0.2	4.01
Equity Income	174.5	186.0	..	4.04
High Yield	177.7	189.4	+0.3	4.82
Govt Secs Trust	30.3	31.5	-0.4	7.75
International	102.6	109.3	-0.1	0.86
Japan Fund	128.2	136.5	+0.6	0.01
Pacific Trust	210.2	223.9	+0.7	0.05
Amer Spcl Sits	72.8	77.6●	-0.4	1.22
Secs Of Amer Tst	232.2	247.3	..	0.46
Aid Asset Value	288.4	305.7	-0.1	2.84
Conv & Gilt Trust	40.7	43.1	-0.1	5.46
Smaller Co's	171.9	182.2	+2.2	2.30
2nd Smaller Co's	214.8	227.7●	+2.7	1.76
Recovery Trust	104.9	111.2	-0.1	2.33

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES
See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd

BAILLIE GIFFORD
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY
031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Ex (22)	471.2	491.9	..	0.66
Japan Ex (43)	442.0	461.1●	+0.2	0.10
UK Ex (31)	311.9	331.8	..	1.10
P'sal Pens Intl	570.6	600.6	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	223.1	234.9	..	..
BG America	181.2	192.8	-0.4	0.00
BG Energy	198.8	211.5	+0.2	1.60
BG Income Grwth	251.9	268.0●	-1.6	4.28
BG Japan	202.1	215.1	+0.9	0.00
BG Technology	192.5	204.9	+0.6	0.00

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	52.3	55.7	-0.7	1.86
Australian	25.2	27.2	-0.1	1.47
Japan & General	128.5	136.8	+0.1	0.05
High Income	54.0	57.5c	-0.5	5.28
International Trust	92.0	97.9	+0.4	0.82
Income Gth Tst	62.4	66.4	-0.5	3.08
Gilts & Fixed Int	21.8	23.0●	+0.1	8.56
Global Markets	39.0	41.5●	+0.1	1.31
Special Situations	59.2	63.0	+0.1	1.80

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
America	97.3	102.9	..	1.08
Aust Accum	231.8	245.0	+4.1	0.51
Do Income	163.4	172.9	+3.0	0.51
Capital	85.9	90.8●	..	2.45
Exempt Trust	546.5	578.3	-0.3	3.40
Extra Income	95.4	100.9c	-0.1	4.42
Financial	271.3	287.7	+0.9	2.82
500	340.0	359.7●	-0.9	2.48
General	173.6	183.6●	-0.3	2.63
Gilt & Fixed Inc	55.3	58.2●	-0.7	9.30
Japan & Gen Inc	196.2	208.5●	+2.1	0.00
Do Acc	197.4	208.8●	+2.1	0.00
Growth Accum	213.4	225.8●	+0.2	2.03
Income Trust	422.8	447.1	-0.5	3.24
Leisure Trust	101.0	106.8	..	1.44

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australia	90.6	96.8	+1.5	0.30
Eastern	80.4	85.9●	+1.0	0.00
Equity Income	71.7	76.2	+0.1	4.50
Europe	137.8	146.7	+0.7	1.00
Exempt Trust	23.0	24.8●	+0.2	..
Growth & Inc	75.8	80.6●	-0.2	2.80
Global Gth	68.0	72.3	+0.2	2.20
Japan Special	112.5	120.3	+1.5	0.10
Japan Sunrise	94.5	107.0●	+0.9	0.00
First Europe	117.5	124.9	+0.5	0.80
First Japan	88.4	94.5	+0.8	0.90
First N Amer	54.4	57.8	..	1.10
First Smaller Co's	90.0	95.7	+0.7	2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 6000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Smlr Co Inc	68.4	70.1	-2.5	0.00
Do Accum	68.2	72.0	-2.5	0.00
European Inc	100.4	105.9	..	2.07
Do Accum	124.0	130.8	+0.1	2.07
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	26.6	28.1●	+0.1	1.77
Do Accum	34.4	36.3	+0.1	1.77
General Inc	205.3	216.6	-0.8	1.65
Do Accum	283.7	299.3	-0.9	1.65
Gilt Yield Inc	120.6	124.3	-1.1	9.86
Do Accum	198.9	204.9	-1.8	9.86
High Yield Inc	114.1	120.4●	-1.3	4.25
Do Accum	233.8	246.7	-0.5	4.25
Int Rec Inc	122.6	129.3	+1.5	1.92
Do Accum	129.5	136.6	+1.5	1.92
Japan Inc	233.8	246.6	+1.9	0.26
Do Accum	235.6	248.6	+1.8	0.26
Japanese Spec Inc	106.0	111.8●	+0.7	0.33
Do Accum	106.5	112.4●	+0.7	0.33
N American Inc	57.9	61.1	-0.7	0.60
Do Accum	67.3	71.0	-0.7	0.60
Pacific Inc	146.4	154.5c	+0.9	0.55
Do Accum	165.1	174.2	+1.5	0.55
Planned Investment	157.8	166.9	+3.3	3.88
Smaller Co's Inc	112.8	119.0	+0.9	0.78
Do Accum	134.4	141.8	+1.7	0.78
Smaller Inc A	..	..	..	..
UK Equity Gth Inc	35.1	37.0●	-0.1	0.48
Do Accum	58.1	61.3●	-0.2	0.48
Worldwide Tech Inc	49.5	52.3●	+0.2	0.30
Do Accum	50.0	52.8	+0.2	0.30
KB High Yield Inc	161.0	169.9		4.60
Do Accum	271.9	286.9		4.60

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	165.8	176.4●	+2.3	2.10
Smaller Co's Acc	324.0	342.8c	+4.4	..
Do Income	206.7	218.8c	+2.8	0.77
High Income	86.5	92.1●	+0.2	4.75
Income	99.9	106.3c	+0.8	3.90
Man Portfolio Inc	88.3	93.9	-0.3	2.20
Do Acc	149.3	158.9	-0.5	

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
North American	64.7	68.8	+0.3	1.20
Orient	91.6	97.4	+1.5	0.30
Exempt	292.5	311.1	+0.2	2.69
Recovery	68.4	72.3	-0.2	1.18
German	29.9	31.9	+0.3	0.49
Technology	139.6	148.5	+1.8	0.30
Europe	22.9	24.7●	+0.2	0.78

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fellowship Inc	62.3	66.3●	..	2.20
General Inc (4)	298.7	312.5	+10.3	1.76
Do Accum (4)	481.1	503.3	+17.6	1.76
Income Fund (3)	128.3	134.1	..	4.10
Do Accum (3)	229.3	239.6	..	4.10
Intl Inc (2)	152.3	158.8●	..	0.95
Do Accum (2)	203.1	211.8●	..	0.95
Smaller Inc (5)	82.7	87.4s	..	1.39
Do Accum	88.5	93.9s	..	1.39

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1148

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CS Japan Fund	94.6	100.6	+0.4	0.50

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	354.0	374.6	..	2.45
Income	412.8	436.9	-1.1	3.88
Far East	246.6	262.4c	+0.2	0.24
North American	171.7	182.7c	..	0.50
Global	55.2	58.4●	-0.2	0.78
European	55.8	59.0	-0.2	1.27
Japan	59.1	62.9	-0.2	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	436.1	464.0●	-1.6	1.51
Income	358.3	381.2c	..	3.88
North American	332.1	353.3c	+1.7	0.71

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv Fund	478.75	●	..	3.96
Fixed Int	143.86		..	9.86
Deposit	100.0		..	10.80

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
S & C Special Sits	67.5	71.5	+0.8	0.60

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	443.46		..	4.40
Accum	£13.2437		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.20

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	27.7	29.4c	+0.1	1.50
Dragon Growth	24.1	25.6	..	0.00
Equity High Income	56.6	59.9●	-0.1	3.50
European Growth	30.7	32.5	+0.1	2.00
General Equity	51.5	54.5	-0.2	2.00
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	31.7	33.4	-0.5	3.00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	26.2	27.6●	-0.4	8.50
Intl Inc Tst	25.7	27.3c	..	5.00
Japan Growth	36.6	39.0	..	0.50
Pedigree Gth	31.4	33.3	-0.1	2.50

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9816

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	57.9	61.6	+0.2	2.72
Do Accum	57.9	61.6	+0.2	2.72
Income Inc	58.1	61.9	+0.2	3.93
Do Accum	58.1	61.9	+0.2	3.93
Worldwide Inc	54.5	58.0	+0.1	1.84
Do Accum	54.5	58.0	+0.1	1.84

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La, EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	72.5	72.7e	-0.3	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	£52.2	52.5	-0.1	..
Challenger	51.1	51.4	-0.3	2.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Conv & Equity	64.0	68.1	+1.4	5.74
Income	73.1	77.8	+0.2	3.71
Growth	74.0	78.8	-1.0	1.53

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

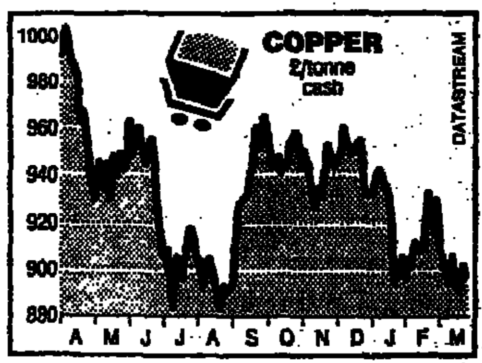
High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %
18½	8½	A & M Gp	16	17		0.6e	3.8
220	160	ASD	160	170	-5	11.4	6.9
86	50	ATA Selection	60	64		2.1	3.4
240	93	Abbeycrest	230	240	+3	4.3	1.8
68	35	Aberdeen Stk Hse	48	57		1.7e	3.3
142	65	Access Satellite				4.6	
108	38	Acorn Comp	66	68	-1	..	..
21	8	Acset Jewellery	17	19			
135	90	Airship	115	130		8.1	6.3
143	67	Amer Bus Sys	137	142	-1		
96	1	Do Wrnts	90	100	-2		

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
170	80	Secs Tst of Scotland	111½	112	-½	4.3b	3.8	41.1
165	74	Smaller Cos	105	106½	..	2.0	1.9	74.1
119	110	TR Australia	118	120	..	3.3	2.8	35.5
77	69½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	75½	77	..	3.1	4.1	35.9
134	108	TR Ind & Gen	125½	128½	-½	2.9b	2.3	54.5
165	109	TR Natural Res	153	156	..	5.9	3.8	33.3
112	97	TR North America	109	111	+1	2.6b	2.4	85.8
276	144	TR Pacific Basin	270	271	-½	1.4	0.7	..
88	45	TR Property	86	90	..	1.9	2.1	69.3
140	112	TR Tech	139	140	+½	2.8	1.9	65.8
205	76	TR Trustees	114	116	+1	3.1	2.7	51.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

COMMODITIES



Copper dipped slightly this week as merchants took profits from a recent sharp rise. Supply tightness remains the main feature with LME stocks down by over 40,000 tonnes in the past six weeks to 135850 tonnes, and US commercial stocks at their lowest levels for 13 years. Comment by GNL.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Apr	105-101.00
May	93.00-96.0
Jun	90.00-106
Vol	6

GAS OIL

Apr	146.75-50
May	146.50-25
Jun	146.25-00
Jul	147.00-46.25
Aug	148.50-46.50
Sep	150.00-48.00
Oct	150.00-45.00
Nov	150.00-45.00
Dec	150.00-45.00
Vol	4445

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

May	162.2-62.0
Aug	166.0-65.8
Oct	168.6-68.2
Dec	171.6-70.2
Mar	176.6-75.6
May	179.6-78.2
Vol	3105

COCOA

Mar	1270-60
May	1287-85
Jul	1314-12
Sep	1335-33
Dec	1363-61
Mar	1389-87
May	1410-07
Vol	951

COFFEE

Mar	1256-51
May	1279-78
Jul	1287-85
Sep	1305-03
Nov	1335-27
Jan	1349-46
Mar	1380-70
Vol	3521

SOYABEAN

Jun	115.0-13.5
Aug	110.0-09.0
Oct	110.8-10.2
Dec	113.5-12.5
Feb	119.0-17.0
Apr	120.0-17.0
Vol	25

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	943.00-945.00
Three Months	903.00-903.50
Vol	28550
Tone	Firmer

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	870.00-875.00
Three Months	878.00-883.00
Vol	25
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	308.00-310.00
Three Months	301.50-302.00
Vol	4750
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	451.00-452.00
Three Months	452.00-452.50
Vol	250
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	363.00-365.00
Three Months	372.00-374.00
Vol	1
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	363.00-365.00
Three Months	372.00-374.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	848.00-849.00
Three Months	798.00-800.00
Vol	3550
Tone	Steady-Lower Levels

NICKEL

Cash	2325-2330
Three Months	2345-2350
Vol	264
Tone	Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 26

GB: Cattle, 97.48p per kg lw (+0.77)
GB: Sheep 213.25p per kg* (+6.40)
GB: Pigs, 80.73p per kg lw (-1.13)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 1.1 %, ave. price, 98.04p (+0.68)
Sheep nos. down 11.1 %, ave. price, 215.68p (+6.84)
Pig nos. down 8.1 %, ave. price, 80.74p (-1.22)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 1.0 %, ave. price, 96.21p (+1.09)
Sheep nos. down 15.7 %, ave. price, 206.48p (+6.84)
Pig nos. up 2.8 %, ave. price, 80.60p (+0.95)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Apr	99.40	99.70
Jun	96.30	96.50
Aug	94.90	95.00
Oct	100.00	98.00

Vol: 74

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Apr	98.60	99.30
Jun	99.30	99.00
Aug	97.00	97.00
Oct	95.30	95.30

Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	120.10	114.05
Jun	122.40	—
Sep	100.65	99.60
Nov	102.70	101.90
Jan	105.25	104.10
Mar	107.75	106.45

Vol: Wheat 898
Barley 46

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Apr	164.00	165.50
May	187.00	185.00
Nov	94.50	94.10
Feb	105.00	103.50

Vol: 25

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	1040-1025	1025
Jul 87	905.0-870.0	875.0
Oct 87	967.0-940.0	945.0
Jan 88	—	940.0

Vol: 856 lots Open Intst: 2136
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
968.0 up 8.0 on 25/3/87

هكذا من الأصل

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 26	Market rates close March 26	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5885-1.6060	1.6050-1.6060	0.49-0.46prem	1.30-1.25prem
Montreal	2.0974-2.1065	2.0985-2.1015	0.58-0.48prem	1.52-1.37prem
Ams'dam	3.3012-3.3189	3.3111-3.3158	1½-1⅜prem	3⅞-3⅝prem
Brussels	60.56-60.91	60.72-60.84	17-11prem	43-33prem
C'phgen	11.0084-11.0745	11.0376-11.0605	par-⅜dis	⅜-⅝dis
Dublin	1.0951-1.1045	1.0971-1.0981	33-40dis	98-111dis
Frankfurt	2.9234-2.9398	2.9355-2.9398	1⅝-1½prem	4⅜-4prem
Lisbon	224.93-226.93	225.98-228.93	56-143dis	248-357dis
Madrid	205.92-207.13	206.56-207.01	98-130dis	280-317dis
Milan	2084.08-2097.33	2092.12-2096.63	1prem-1dis	2prem-2dis
Oslo	11.0020-11.0533	11.0344-11.0573	⅛-½dis	1⅛-1⅜dis
Paris	9.7356-9.7825	9.7600-9.7713	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-3⅞prem
S'tkhlm	10.1920-10.2527	10.2238-10.2483	par-⅛dis	⅛-⅜dis
Tokyo	238.51-239.87	239.47-239.86	1⅜-1¼prem	3⅝-3½prem
Vienna	20.56-20.57	20.64-20.67	10⅛-8⅝ prem	27⅞-24⅞ prem
Zurich	2.4378-2.4540	2.4500-2.4540	1⅜-1¼prem	3⅞-3⅝prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 72.1 (day's range 71.9-72.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.4621-2.4734
Australia dollar	2.3066-2.3098
Bahrain dinar	0.6010-0.6050
Brazil cruzado*	34.3480-34.5413
Cyprus pound	0.7660-0.7760
Finland marka	7.1765-7.2165
Greece drachma	213.85-215.85
Hong Kong dollar	12.5170-12.5227
India rupee	20.45-20.65
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4375-0.4415
Malaysia dollar	4.0433-4.0475
Mexico peso	1750.0-1800.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8398-2.8467
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9690-6.0090
Singapore dollar	3.4376-3.4414
S Africa rand (fin)	4.7940-4.8597
S Africa rand (com)	3.2879-3.3002
U A E dirham	5.8450-5.8597

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4550-1.4580
Singapore	2.1425-2.1435
Malaysia	2.5200-2.5210
Australia	0.6950-0.6955
Canada	1.3117-1.3122
Sweden	6.3830-6.3880
Norway	6.8840-6.8890
Denmark	6.8900-6.8950
West Germany	1.8315-1.8325
Switzerland	1.5270-1.5280
Netherlands	2.0670-2.0680
France	6.0925-6.0975
Japan	149.40-149.50
Italy	1304.0-1305.5
Belgium(Comm)	37.90-37.93
Hong Kong	7.8015-7.8025
Portugal	140.90-141.40
Spain	129.50-129.60
Austria	12.83-12.85

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Jun 87	90.84	90.96	90.73	90.83	11465
Sep 87	91.06	91.20	90.98	91.09	1934
Dec 87	91.09	91.22	91.00	91.10	625
Mar 88	90.90	91.04	90.88	90.98	67
Jun 88	90.85	90.85	90.82	90.79	32
Sep 88	90.61	90.61	90.61	90.58	1
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.43	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.18	0
Previous day's total open interest 24856					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	93.48	93.50	93.47	93.48	2203
Sep 87	93.52	93.53	93.51	93.51	362
Dec 87	93.49	93.51	93.49	93.48	204
Mar 88	93.42	93.43	93.38	93.38	343
Jun 88	93.29	93.30	93.29	93.25	114
Sep 88	93.11	93.11	93.11	93.08	10
Dec 88	92.90	92.90	92.90	92.89	30
Mar 89	NT	—	—	92.70	0
Previous day's total open interest 22818					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	100-06	100-12	100-05	100-11	1765
Sep 87	NT	—	—	99-09	0
Previous day's total open interest 3100					
Short Gilt					
Mar 87	102-27	102-27	102-27	102-30	27
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	
Previous day's total open interest 84					
Long Gilt					
Mar 87	125-00	125-00	124-16	124-14	411
Jun 87	124-16	125-12	123-27	124-20	53932
Sep 87	NT	—	—	124-16	0
Dec 87	NT	—	—	124-20	0
Mar 88	NT	—	—	—	
Previous day's total open interest 24133					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 87	203.70	205.20	203.20	204.80	502
Jun 87	208.70	211.20	208.80	210.35	799
Previous day's total open interest 5825					

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change
250	180	Abelscot Group	240	250	+5
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	32	35	n/c
120	112	Allied Insurance	108	118	−2
54	36	Catalyst Commercial	46	50	+1
68	24	Conon Beach	60	65	n/c
145	121	Edenspring Inv	140	150	+19½
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	30	32	−2
41	8	Do. Warrants	17	19	−2
29	17	Publishing Holdings	28	30	+2
55	46	Theme Holdings	47	50	n/c
133	114½	Unit Group	112	117	n/c

The Law Society Final Examination

Part A

The following candidates have successfully completed the Final Examination of the Law Society this winter:

I M L Abbott. B Ali. R N Allsup. J D Andrew. P J E Arthur. C J Ashworth. S J Ashworth. R J Askey. D K Aspioti. M M C Atkins. S F Au. A H Austin.

M M Baig. R P Bailey. R E Baker. A J Balkitis. V C Banks. G B Barcham. C R Barham. A L Barker. D L Barker. G D R Barnett. M L Bartlett. L Bates. S P Bates. B K Battu. H M I Bayman. N J J Bednall. D G Bell. S Bellwood. P R Benjamin. C T Bensted. M G Bettman. S C Berry. M A Betteridge. G S Bhakar. J Biggerstaff. A M Bird. B J Bird. D Birkinshaw. D C Bishop. D F Billinel. M A Blake. M P Blandy. J P Blamming. N H Blumenthal. P G Bottel-Gill. C A Bond. D Q R Bonham. A T Borkowski. H R S Brent. H M Brewster. P D J Briggs. C E M Broadbent. C A Brooks. J B Brown. S Browning. H A F Bruce. C A Buchanan. M D R Buck. S M Buckle. A H Burcombe. J P Burgess. P M Burgess. M P Burns. J E Burton. J F Burton. H J Butler. M M Byrne.

N T Campagna. J F Carey. T Carr. V M Carr. D M Carter. I C S Carter. M D Carter. N D Cary. R M Casdan. J Wang Kei Chan. T W Chan. H Chand. R S Chatterton. G S Cheema. K Chetvananayagam. P K Chohan. H A Christie. A Y L Chu. E A Clamp. D C Clark. D C Clark. S J Clark. A V J Clarke. E M Clarke. J L Clarke. M J Clarke. R D Clarke. P S C Cleverly. H R Clifford. H J Coales. A D E Cobden. H P Cohen. J N K Colas. J H Collings. S W Congdon. P J Cooke. C J Cooney. P J Corkish. B Cove. J P Cox. A G Cowie. R A Craft. S A Crawford. H Cronin. H N Crossman. M J Cruddace. S L J Culhane. B M L Curtis. G J Cusark. V P Cuzens.

G A Da Silva. J D Daisley. P L Dandiker. M Danillidu. S Darbhanga. M E Davenport. M H Davenport. J R M Davey. S David. F G Davidson. J R Davidson. A G Davies. A K Davies. J W H Davies. N J Davies. S E Davies. S M Davies. E C Davis. E J Davison. P Davison. S Day. C R R De Alwis. C R De La Fuente. N C De Speville. M T D Deagle. G C Dickins. M C Dickman. J C Dillon. A Dixon. A J Dixon. J J Dixon. H Diemal. R G Dodd. D M A Dorh. C L Dolman. A J Domb. E J Doran. S Dorrian. C M L Dowson. M T Driscoll. J H G Driver. A S Duckworth. P A Dumbleton. K J Dunn.

D A M East. A Eaton. E V Edgar. P D S Edwards. P H Elkin-Taylor. P J Elliott. C W Etherington. D J Evans. D P Evans. J J Evans. W A Evans. D S Evanson. M D P Ezekiel.

M C Fairlie. J Farms. J R Farn. E G Farnworth. M A Ferry. A P Fidler. K A P Finneran. A J Fishburn. J Fletcher. P E Ford. S V Ford. D E Forrester-Brown. D Frempong. M C Frisby. A E Frost. T J Fry. A Fuller. W M Furness.

E A Gallagher. K Garner. C L Garnham. K R Gaston. I B Gavorre. D A Gebbie. R K Gilfillan. D Gillies. M A C Gilmour. D L Godfrey. D S Godinet. K M P Gold. K Golestani. L P Golstein. K W Good. K J Gough. J D Goulding. M D Grant. G F Gray. K Gray. N D F Gray. J M Green. J N Greenwood. L J Grenier. C E Griffin. I D H Griffiths. J A Gun-Cuninghame. M A Gunn.

S B Hackett. S C Hagan. F D Hall. R J Halson. S K Hammond. P W Handford. T Handley. M Hankinson. E M Hanson. P J M Hardy. N Haria. M S Harnell. L K Harrison. R J Harrison. G G Harrower. T R Harry. A T L Hart. P J Hartley. M J Harvey. C W Hattersley. K Haven. M Hawkins. M B L Hawrish. D D Hay. E N Hay. D Haydock. J R W Hayward. D Heard. J B Hedges. M A Heywood. L E Hill. P E Hill. B J Hilton. R T J Hinton. S A Hinton. L P Hitchens. J Holder. P F Holding. A R Holland. D D D Hollander. I D Holyoak. D B Homburger. M D Hornby. B Horne. A K Howard. F A Howard. J C Howell. M H Hudson. N G Hudson. J Hughes. J Hughes (2nd Class Honours). S C Hughes. L J Hulatt. J P C Hull. P J K Humphreys. S W Hurley.

J D F Ide. D G Iesmi. S J Irons. S V Isaacs. S J Isherwood. S J Iwi.

S M Jackson. D S James. N M Jayes. N Jegarajasingam. L J Jessup. A K Johns. N C Johnson. B A Jones. C N Jones. D Jones. R M Jones. S W Jones. P G Jordan. J F Juniper.

K Kagan. M R Katz. P A Kavanagh. G S Kaye. C A Keck. S H Kempner. M D Kenderdine-Davies. F R Kennah. D J Kent. A Kharbanda. J Kingsland. E M Kingston. G Kinnings. P M Kirk. J Kirkham. A Klimowicz. K Kuganalan.

H L Lai. H J Laird-Johnson. A K Lall. L S Lam. M C Lamb. N M Langton. S Larkman. J E Latimer. A Laver. R Lawrence. M E Leahy. V Lee. J C Leigh. A J Lenehan. T M Lennox. M A Leo. K W W Leung. A Levrault. J H Lewis. M D P Lewis. Z Li. J E Life. C E Lilley. A J Lind. J G Lindenholm. S W Lister. N A Lloyd. P G Logan. J A Louis. C M Lowe. G A Luck. A E Lullman-Johnson. H J Lyon.

A D M McCully. E S MacGregor. B J Mackenzie. S J MacLiver. K C M Amugoda. Y H Man. D K Manners. B H Mapplebeck. M Markandan. M G Marks. P J D Marshall. T T Marshall. A D Mathias. P B J Mason. D A May. J M Mazrawi. S Matthews. G R McCormick. F I J McCombe. A T McDonald. M S F McDermott. E McErlean. M McGaw. R McDonald. J P McGrath. D A McGeady. R H R McKean. S F McIntosh. D S McLean. S A McLean. McKevill. P F McMurray. R B Meeran. N J Mehta. M W Mellish. S J Mendelson. R M Millard. S Millet. M F Mills. P J Milne. S M Milner. S Mistry. G Miszler. A Mithal. C E Mogridge. R H O B Moon. A G Moore. K L Moore. S Moore. H C Morcom. M Morris. R J Morris. S E Morris. W H Moss. P S Muir. T P Mulkis. N H Myerson.

V Nadarajah. D M Narimissa. E C Neilson. D S O Nesbitt. P N Neumann. G T Newbery. E R Newitt. J E C Nixon. D M Northrop.

M O'Brien. T C O'Connor. H R P O'Donovan. C A O'Kane. P N O'Meara. S C O'Neill. M N O'Shea. D O'Sullivan. T D J O'Sullivan. D Y Oatham. T H O'Hare. D Owen. J M Owen. A Oyebanji.

A J Pace. C G Pace. A S Palmer. K Pankhania. S M B Pascoe. P Paterson. S Pathmanathan. R A Paul. M H D Payne. M J Pearson. P A P Pearson. T J Peck. G R Pellow. R A Pepper. A M Perkin. M A Perkins. C B Petheram. A A Piccirillo. S J Pigden. S J Pilgrim. P S Pinidiya. E J Pinnock. S F Piper. S G Plant. A L Pond. C D Poole. N K Porage. M F Prallett. H Premadasa. G R Prest. R Price. S J Pring. B A Proudfoot. B M Prudham. M C Puglisi.

A M Rajani. N J Ralph. M R Ramphul. D A Ramsbottom. N Rasien. R D Ratnasingham. C Ravindran. S D Raymond. L Ricchetti. C M Rivers. D J Roberts. R A Robinson. E M A Roddis. A G Rodrigo. N J Roe. S N Rogers. W J Roll. G Rosenberg. D R Rowe. L J Ruzicka. E P Ryan. J D Ryan. K F Ryan. G C Ryland.

R P Sabaratnam. T Salhan. H Sanders. H Sangha. N Sarkar. J D Saunders. A Savjani. C Saxon. P E Sayers. C E Schofield. C P Schwer. G V Scomparin. A J Scott. P M Scott. C C Seddon. P A Selby. C Selvarajah. J G B Senior. P Serginson. K S Seto. H Shah. S B Shah. J S Sharp. S M Sharp. S E Shaw. M R Sherwood-King. J A Siciluna. A M Shormark. Smith. R P Sibley. S B Siddiqui. A K Silk. R M Silverstein. G Simm. A G Simmonds. C J Sinclair. M Singleton. C F Smedley. E C S Smith. M J Smith. P J Smith. R A Smith. S A Smith. S W Smith. N C Solomon. T Soorlakumar. R C Sparks. S Srikanthalingam. H M Stanley. C A Steel. M Stenning. R G Stevens. H C Stevenson. J S Stevenson. V M Stoodley. E C Stopps. C P Strowbridge. D A Studdert-Kennedy. L M Summers. Y Sundaresan. K A Surtees. H M Sutter. L Sutton Brooks. R O Sweetman. R Symmons.

N J Taffs. M M Tasker. C S Taylor. P R Taylor. L J Taylor Rushworth. C E Thomas. D C Thompson. J S Thurston. R C H Tiley. H M Tomlinson. M C Tomlinson. H Toor. M Tossoun. M O M Townsend. C S Townsley. P R Trangmar. A Trivelli. A Y Teo. A M Tucker. A J P Turnbull. P Turner.

W S Usden.

N Varma. A C Vernon. P R M Vialls. S Vidale. P B Visick.

M Wader. J P Waldon. M B Waldron. C J Walker. N P W Walker. S C Walsh. S D Wan. C E Ward. G C Ward. S P Ward. A L Ware. H U Warnappala. G M B Watling. A C Watson. B J Watson. K Wattage. S B Watts. J J Wauchope. N E Weaver. R M D Webb. J P Weinberg. L A Welch. S E Welton. E Wentworth. N G C West. P W Westmacott. G H White. S Whittaker. G Whittingham. P S Whittingham. M G Wickenden. G D Willetts. A Williams. D J H Williams. J H Williams. V Williams. D Williamson. H A Willis. G M Wilson. J S R Wilson. I J Wish. B J R Witherscombe. D C W Wong. Y Wong. J K B Woo. D B L Wood. J Wood. G J Wright.

F C Young. F Younson. C K Yuen. H R Yunis.

B G Zouades.

Part B

New format

The following candidates were successful in one or more papers but have not yet completed the Final Examination.

A I Adoki. A K Akalnyah. A S Allstone. M A Asscher. J M Bayliss. M Berrange. M D Bishop. A M L Byron. S E Charalambous. W A L Cohen. J R C Cripps. M J Diaper. R W A Eveleigh. H Fahri. L R Farrell. K Firth-Butterfield. S A Fox. S E Garvie-McInally. A B S Goodger. S B Govan. D J K Greenhalgh. D W Hadfield. M R Hassani. B M Iola. T M Johnson-Brown. S D Jones. N R V Jordan. A D Lavy. P J A Lewis. K S McGibbon. E A McCarroll. V P McDade. K D McGreevy. J P McLellan. M I Meer. S H Mullett-Merrick. J A Neville. P V Newberry. R J Pitman. E H Pitroff. M R De C Rondel. P M Rouace. C L Rowsell. S A Roy. S M M Shuaib. R N Smith. G E Thompson. R Vela. J C W Wakefield. M J Wakeling. N J Waldman. C M Walton. L A Williams. D M Wilson. R A Windridge. J S Wolsey.

Part B

Original Format

The following candidates were successful in one or more papers but have not yet completed the Final Examination.

E A Bell. M J Brueck. K O Dixon. E A Friend. C S Gibbons. E A M Hamlin. P Hampton. D S Jagger. F K C Lau. J M Lesser. J R McGregor. A J Minton. C C Pascalides. V K Patel. A J Purcell. M I Rebarck. I J Rumbold. F A Saada. P W Seager. A P C H Snow. R Sharma. A S Silver. B A Thomson. S R Vedi. P G Walsh. F J Wilding.

Law Report, page 29

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Admiral Comp (150p)	178	
Barbour Indx (215p)	375	+5
Br Airways (aa)	129	+1
Capital radio (105p)	189	−8
Castle Comm (200p)	216	
Dale Group (110p)	128	
Glentree (16p)	53	+7
Hewetson (70p)	89	−1
Hobson Pub (250p)	365	
Hornby (100p)	111	
JSB Elec (115p)	133	
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	190	−3
Lon & Metro (145p)	243	+2
MIL (144p)	199	
Mallett (120p)	205	+2
Misys PLC (95p)	133	+2
Nobo (152p)	173	−3
Perpetual (180p)	196	−2
Plum Hldgs (90p)	174	
Prism Leisure (120p)	153	+2
RCO (95p)	101	+1
Regina H Beauty (20p)	40	
Sanders Sydney (100p)	142	+2
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	269	−2
Sinclair G S (90p)	98	−2
Thornton G W (135p)	173	
TSB Group (100p)	85¾	+1¼
Virgin (140p)	161	−3
Ward Group (97p)	134	+1
Wilson Bowden (130p)	145	−2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allebone N/P	8	+2
Burgess F/P	283	+5
City Site Est F/P		
Cookson F/P	608	+2
Ladbroke N/P	57	−4
Pict Pet N/P	6	
Widney N/P	10	
Wiggins F/P	166	

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Mar 16	Mar 27	Jun 25	Jul 6

Call options were taken out on: 26/3/87 Smith & Nephew, Stone Intnl., Hampton Trust, Norfolk Capital, Eagle Trust, Astra Inds., NEI, London & Met., Jubara's, Tricentrol, Crter, Wheway Watson, Equity & General, Oceanics, Centreway Inds., Blacks Leisure, Stockley, Atlantic Res., Control Secs., Markheath, Spong, Amstrad, Eglinton, British Gas, Stakis, Hawtal Bar, Daras Estates, Reed Intnl., Applied Holographics, West Inds., A & M Group.

Put: Eagle Trust.
Puts & Calls: NEI, Amstrad.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 9
Week fixed: 9⅞

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 9⅝	2 mnth 9⅝
3 mnth 9⅝	3 mnth 9½

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9⅞-9¾ | 2 mnth 9⅝-9½
3 mnth 9½-9⅜ | 6 mnth 9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10⅛ | 2 mnth 10⅛
3 mnth 10⅛ | 6 mnth 9¹⁵⁄₁₆

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9⅞ close 9½
1 week 10⅛-10 | 6 mnth 9⅝-9½
1 mnth 9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9⅞ | 9 mnth 9½-9⅜
3 mnth 9¾-9⅝ | 12 mth 9½-9⅜

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9⅝ | 7 days 9⅝
1 mnth 9⅞ | 3 mnth 9½
6 mnth 9⅜ | 12 mth 8⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10-9⅞ | 2 mnth 9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9¹³⁄₁₆
3 mnth 9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆ | 6 mnth 9⅝-9½
9 mnth 9⅝-9½ | 12 mth 9⅝-9½

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9²⁷⁄₃₂-9²⁵⁄₃₂ | 3 mnth 9⅝-9½
6 mnth 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⅜ | 12 mth 9⅜-9¼

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.45-6.40 | 3 mnth 6.40-6.35
6 mnth 6.40-6.35 | 12 mth 6.45-6.40

BULLION

Gold:$411.50-412.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat).
$414.50-417.50 (£258.00-259.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat).
$98.00-99.00 (£61.00-61.75)
Platinum
$538.00 (£335.20)
Silver
$5.88-5.90 (£3.66-3.68)

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6½-5½
7 days	6¼-6⅛	1 mnth	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆
3 mnth	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	6 mnth	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆
Deutschmark		call	4¼-3¾
7 days	3⅞-3⅝	1 mnth	4-3⅞
3 mnth	4-3⅞	6 mnth	4¹⁄₁₆-3¹⁵⁄₁₆
French Franc		call	8-7
7 days	8¼-8	1 mnth	8⅛-7¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 mnth	8⅛-8	6 mnth	8⅛-8
Swiss Franc		call	1¼-⅞
7 days	12⅝-12⅛	1 mnth	4⅛-4
3 mnth	4-3⅞	6 mnth	4-3⅞
Yen		call	4⅛-3⅞
7 days	4¼-4⅛	1 mnth	4⅛-4
3 mnth	4⅛-4	6 mnth	4⅛-4

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 31, 1987 to February 27, 1987 inclusive: 10.856 per cent.

COMPANY NEWS

● **BURFORD GROUP:** The group has announced the placing of 2,000,000 new ordinary shares of 25p each at 80p per share and is applying for permission to deal in its ordinary capital, in issue and to be issued, on the Unlisted Securities Market. Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank is placing the shares. The dealings are expected to start next Monday.

● **CHAMBERS & FARGUS:** Six months to December 27. Figures in £000s. Turnover 8,189 (8,453), trading profit 325 (96), operating profit 325 (119), profit before tax 290 (51), eps on existing shares 5.2p (0.9p).

● **F COPSON:** The company has acquired the business of MH Cole, builders' merchant, for £50,500, from the receivers. Trading will continue from the Gravelly Hill site under the company's management.

● **ML HOLDINGS:** Contracts have been exchanged for the acquisition of FL Douglas Holdings, for £1.63 million, satisfied by 52 per cent in cash and the rest by 139,048 new shares.

Croda 1986 results

Another record year

	1986 £000	1985 £000
Profit before tax	27,138	22,875
Attributable profit	17,642	11,589
Earnings per share	15.06p	12.06p

- Pre-tax profits up by 18%
- Earnings per share increased by 25%
- Dividend for year up 14%. Final 5p (1985-4p)
- 1986 was a year of further achievement and progress for Croda
- *The new financial year has started well*

Copies of the Report and Accounts available on and after 24 April 1987 from the Secretary

Croda

Croda International Plc
Cowick Hall Snaith Goole
North Humberside DN14 9AA
Tel 0405 860551 Telex 57603

ONLY JAPAN AIR LINES FLY NON-STOP TO TOKYO IN THE EVENING. TWICE A WEEK.

WE FLY FROM HEATHROW EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7.30. WE ALSO HAVE TWO FLIGHTS A WEEK VIA MOSCOW AND FOUR FLIGHTS A WEEK VIA ANCHORAGE. ALL FROM APRIL 1st. ALL FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

JAL JAPAN AIR LINES
EVERYTHING YOU EXPECT AND MORE.

هكذا من الإهمل

CAR RADIOS

CAR RADIO · STEREOS · COMPACT DISC · HI-FI
BIGGER · BETTER
BRANCHES AT DERBY (0332) 32546
CHOOSE FROM THE BIGGEST SELECTION
MAIN DEALERS FOR:
ALPINE · AUDIOLINE · BLAUPUNKT · CLARION · HITACHI · JVC · MAYSTAR · MITSUBISHI · MOTOROLA · NAKAMICHI · PANASONIC · PHILIPS · PIONEER · PYE · SANSUI · SANYO · SHARP · TRIO ·
GET UP TO £100 TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE ON YOUR FACTORY FITTED SETS
CAR RADIO SERVICES
555/6 STONEY STANTON ROAD
COVENTRY 668287 – SALES
COVENTRY 664431 – SERVICE
OPEN MON–SAT 9–5
CARPHONES · CAR BURGLAR ALARMS
FASTER & CHEAPER
LEICESTER (0533) 707431
AT THE LOWEST PRICES IN TOWN
WITH SAME DAY INSTALLATION AND 24 HOUR REPAIR SERVICE
LOAN SETS · FREE QUOTATIONS
SAVE £50–£250 ON OUR SPECIAL FITTED PACKAGE DEAL PRICES

Motoring

Porsche still a symbol of life in the fast lane

Latest Porsche 928 S4: More than a status symbol?

By Daniel Ward

Are City whizz-kids and millionaire entrepreneurs really being honest when they claim that performance and reliability are stronger reasons for buying the latest Porsche 928 S4 than status, image and prestige? I somehow doubt it unless their wealth extends to purchasing a private autobahn where they can put to good use the 167 mph top speed and blistering 0 to 60 mph acceleration in about six seconds.

Undeniably impressive and exciting, the 928 is a car that is more than one thing to its fortunate owners. One of the ultimate sports cars, a supreme grand tourer and luxury transport for those who could not imagine owning a staid Rolls-Royce. In its latest S4 guise, power comes from a 5 litre V8 which now boasts 32 valves and a 320 bhp output.

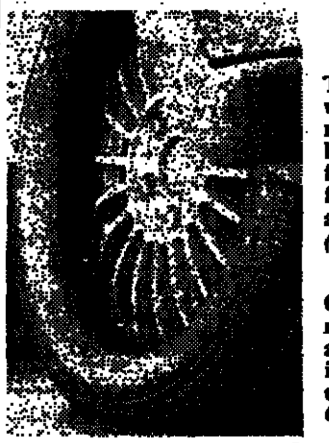
The engine is superbly smooth and refined and when delivering full power the engine note steps up to a fine subdued growl. Driven quickly the automatic gearbox changes gear smoothly but the lack of kick down on anything less than full throttle is a real handicap and forces the driver to shift gears manually to gain better control on demanding roads.

Excellent sports car handling and precise steering are all part of the Porsche ethic, yet away from fast open roads the 928 would be outpaced by more agile and nimbler machines.

As a grand tourer the car's effortless performance guarantees it top billing though the automatic blunts the initial pace, giving the impression that the real energy arrives at 80 mph. The leather seats with their three position memory and all electric adjustment, including height adjustable lumbar support, are hard to fault. Yet the luxury and classy image is shaken by the very harsh low speed ride and the tyre roar which the rival Jaguar XJS would scoff at.

There are few cars with the 928's swollen £50,000 price tag and by virtue of not trying to be many things to many people, there are better models in the Porsche range.

Easing the pain of deflation



Shape of things to come? The ContiTyreSystem

The fear of losing control when a puncture occurs at 70 mph on the motorway, could be a thing of the past when the first of a new generation of run flat tyres is launched, probably in three years' time *(writes Daniel Ward)*.

For the last four years the German tyre maker Continental, which owns Uniroyal and Semperit, has been working on a tyre that can safely be driven when deflated. The Conti Tyre System – CTS – avoids most of the pitfalls that befell the unsuccessful Dunlop Denovo run flat tyre and appears the best hope of a run-flat tyre for the early 1990s.

The CTS looks highly unusual because, instead of the tyre bead sitting inside the wheel rim, it is on the outside of a very different shaped wheel. The new design has a wide, smooth rim which runs inside the deflated tyre so permitting the driver to cover up to 180 miles at 50 mph in safety.

A chance to drive several cars equipped with CTS tyres revealed above all that deflated tyres are extremely noisy and a fair deterrent to covering long distances.

Driving with the flat front tyre proved the least difficult, though much more steering lock was needed when cornering. Of more concern to the inexperienced driver would be a punctured rear tyre, which I found caused rear wheel drive cars in particular, to weave on straight roads and sway alarmingly in bends at speed.

The soft bulging sidewall of the CTS improves ride comfort and wet road grip while reduced rolling resistance improves fuel economy by 3 per cent.

Sound investments for discriminating listeners

By Adrian Morant

In Car Entertainment (ICE) is not just a grandiose euphemism for a car radio. It is a highly-sophisticated approach to car audio that takes advantage of evolving technology.

With a full top-of-the-range ICE installation costing over £1000, there are obviously limitations to what can be fitted on a production line basis. Nevertheless, the standard combined stereo radio cassette with four speakers is priced at about £200 and is, for many users, adequate.

A car is a hostile environment for the listener. There is engine noise, the whistle of the wind and the rumble of the road. This means that, ideally, the volume has to be turned up so that the softest passages of the music can be heard. The problem then follows of having enough power to reproduce loud passages without excessive distortion. Not all existing units are poweful enough to cope.

Noticeable improvements can be made by installing a more powerful unit (cost £300-350, say) and fitting better speakers. Fitting tweeters on the dashboard and base units on the rear shelf and replacing the existing door speakers with appropriate mid-range ones (total cost probably £50-100) will provide much improved sound quality.

The demands for increasing performance of ICE mirror the performance of home hi-fi where Compact Discs are now making their mark. According to David Taylor, retail marketing manager for Philips Car Audio, only 10,000 in-car CD players were sold last year – a figure which is expected to reach 50,000 this year.

A buyer can expect to pay about £450 for the player and a further £200 for the additional amplifier needed. While these are large sums, many high-milage motorists will consider it money well spent on their comfort. However, car CD sales are predicted to exceed 150,000 by 1988 and grow rapidly thereafter with prices falling.

Towards the end of this year the BBC is planning to start Radio Data Systems (RDS) transmissions. Along with the normal signal, each transmitter will send out coded information giving station name, frequency, time and so on. Thus, using a special receiver, it will not even be necessary to know the frequency of transmission of a desired station. One can select stations by name, with the set returning itself when necessary so as to remain tuned to the best available signal.

Philips, as the number one brand in car audio with a market share of around 20 per cent, will launch a suitable unit to take advantage of RDS as soon as it becomes availble.

Blaupunkt, on the other hand, already shows its Berlin IQR 85 in its latest catalogue. Described as "the yardstick for car radio in the future" it claims that its programme direct selection is a world first. A second built-in receiver incorporated in the unit will identify all the other broadcasting stations receivable in the area. The user will then be able to call up a station by name.

Connaught
Electrical Services Ltd
(Nr. Walthamstow Stadium)

Blaupunkt Specialists
Since 1966

Come and hear the "Blues
in our
Blaupunkt Demo Room

We have in stock the
Blaupunkt In-Car Video — Radiophone —
Superb Compact Disc Player
and Coach Systems

Fitting Services available for both
retail and trade customers.

Please phone for details

01-531 3811/4

2 LOXHAM ROAD,
CHINGFORD
LONDON E4 8SE

WENTWORTH
CAR RADIOS LTD
THE IN-CAR SPECIALIST

Visit our showroom and see
the new ALPINE 7385

Also KENWOOD/SONY/NAKAMICHI
JBL/AR

409 Stroude Road Virginia Water Surrey

TEL: 09904 4050/4077.

Goodmans
SOUND

JUST ADD WHEELS
It's so easy to fit your car to Goodmans. It's as simple as a trip to your nearest stockist —
Goodmans Loudspeakers Ltd, 2 Marples Way
Kingscroft, Havant, Hampshire PO9 1JS
Telephone: (0705) 486344
Hi-Fi on the move

MASTERFIT HI FI
Many Extra Demonstration Models
are now available
Some only 3 weeks old
All with full guarantee
ALL POPULAR MAKES
INCLUDING NAKAMICHI
ALPINE CLARION
PIONEER TRIO
0293 784728
Access Visa.

Motor Music
01-868 7242 SPECIALISTS IN CAR AUDIO AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
FITTING ON PREMISES
BLAUPUNKT, CLARION,
COBRA, HITACHI, MITSUBISHI,
PANASONIC, PIONEER

JAGUAR & DAIMLER WANTED

HYDE PARK MOTOR CO. LTD.
19 Grosvenor Cresc. Mews,
London SW1X 7EX
01-235 0026

87 JAGUAR SOVEREIGN 3.6 Solent Blue/Doeskin	£P.O.A.
87 JAGUAR SOVEREIGN 3.6 Sage Solent Doeskin	£P.O.A.
86 D XJS V12 Black Doeskin 5,000 mls	£24,950
87 JAGUAR SOVEREIGN HE Cobalt Blue Doeskin ESR 1,000 mls	£24,950
JAGUAR SOVEREIGN LIMOUSINE Very special Royal Blue Magnolia	£39,950
86 JAGUAR SOVEREIGN 4.2 Antelope Doeskin ESR 13,000 mls	£18,950
85 C JAGUAR XJS V12 Antelope Buckskin 11,000 mls	£20,950
84 B JAGUAR SOVEREIGN 4.2 Black Biscuit Only 11,000 mls	£15,450
85 C JAGUAR XJS 3.6 CABRIOLET Cobalt Blue Biscuit hide 18,000 mls	£18,050
85 C JAGUAR XJS 3.6 CAB Sage Green Doeskin 10,000 mls	£19,450
85 JAGUAR SOVEREIGN 4.2 Cobalt Blue Doeskin 10,000 mls	£17,950
84 JAGUAR XJ6 4.2 Regency Grey Sandle Grey hide 16,000 mls	£11,950
73 JAGUAR V12 E TYPE DHC Signal Red Black Chr Wires	£19,950
59 JAGUAR XK 150S FHC Old English White Red hide	£17,950

JAGUAR & DAIMLER
AUTHORISED DEALERS

STEREO ON WHEELS
559 Kings Road
London
SW6
01-736 8351
22 Chiswick Lane
London
W4
01-994 5360/2332
FREE FITTING
Panasonic
AND ALL LEADING BRANDS
SECURITY ALARMS-CENTRAL LOCKING-ELECTRIC WINDOWS
VISA CAR TELEPHONES

HEATHROW HI-FI LTD
AUTHORISED STOCKISTS:
HITACHI
PIONEER
Power to the people
BLAUPUNKT • SHARP
Complete range in stock
FITTING FACILITIES AVAILABLE
PHONE FOR GUARANTEED BEST PRICES
90 STAINES ROAD
HOUNSLOW
MIDDLESEX TW3 3LF
01-572 1135

HENLEY AUTOCRAFT
Car Radio, Sun Roof & Auto Electrical Specialists
Trio, Nakamichi, Pioneer, Clarion, Blaupunkt, Panasonic etc
31A, Market Place, Henley-On-Thames, Oxon
Tel: (0491) 579212

MUZIC ON WHEELS
THE BETTER ALTERNATIVE FOR IN CAR ENTERTAINMENT
● CASSETTES ● RADIOS ● GRAPHIC ● BOOSTER AMPS
● SPEAKERS ETC
SPECIAL OFFERS ON
● CAR PHONE SYSTEMS ● CAR ALARMS ● SEAT BELTS
● SUN ROOFS
01-221 0547 01-221 0679

TWR XJS 3.6
Regent grey/silver. Full body, suspension, wheels, steering, spoiler conv. 5-speed manual. 8 mths manufacturer's full guar. MD's car. FSH by main Jaguar Dealer. £16,000
(New TWR, Apl 1st).
0202 892088
(9-5 Mon-Fri) /
0202 9246456 (eve/w'ds)

SOVEREIGN 4.2
Automatic, 1985, B registration in dark red, full range of refinements including air conditioning, PAS, stereo/radio cassette, electric sunroof, 18,000 miles only. A beautiful low mileage example of this sought after car. £15,000 ono.
Tel 051 227 5861
office hours.

DAIMLER DOUBLE SIX Vanden Plas. Auto. Metallic black /cream interior. Lambs wool rugs. Tinted windows. Electric sunroof/windows/mirrors/seats. Cruise control. Air conditioning. Computer. Alloy wheels. Stereo radio cassette. "Y" reg. 40,000 mls. FSH. 1 owner. director's car. Outstanding example in show room condition. £8,495. Must be sold. Tel. 01-948 8911

JAGUAR XJ6 3.4, C registered Jan 86, taxed until 31.12.87. This car is in pristine condition as a Jag should be. 25,000 recorded miles with full service history. £11,000 ono. Telephone (0527) 20292.

JAGUAR XJS HE 1983. Finished in gold radio/cassette, taxed till 88, full service history, only £9,250. Tel Mr Armstrong 031 5629472 or 031 3396913.

JAGUAR 1983 XJ6 3.4 manual. Chestnut. 28,000 miles, full service history, one owner. £6,500. Tel 0603 867754.

JAGUAR XJS HE 1982, 56,000 miles, FSH, pristine condition saphire blue, light tan interior £8,290 ono. Tel 031 343 2078

SOV 5.3 HE May 85/B, silver /blue, 18,200 mls, FSH, evers ext. £16,995. 01 570 1511

JAGUAR 4.2 XJ6. Automatic. Finished in Sage green with beige cloth interior. First registered 16th April, 1986. Fitted with Trip Computer. 12,000 miles only. Supplied and serviced by ourselves. £16,950. Phone Colin Reeve. Mann Egerton. on (0279) 58441.

E TYPE V12, 2+2 Manual. Lavender blue. 2 owners. 41,000 miles. £8,995. Tel. (0) 021 622 1071 (H) 05645 79560 T

LEFT hand drive used Jaguar's Daimler's, XJ6, XJ12, XJS. Coupe's. All years models. 073782 2837 or 0883 44118T

XJ6 4.2 Aug 81 Silver/ Red hide. My personal car since new. Superb cond. Engine near new 4/83 MOT. £6,450 077389 307

3.4 X reg '82. elec sun roof/ win dows. Pioneer stereo. 1 owner. FSH. beautiful. £4895. 01 648 2796 day or 01 385 9929 eve T

JAGUAR SOVEREIGN 2.9
automatic as new. In black with doeskin leather interior. New October '86, 1380 miles only. With alloy wheels. ABS brakes. Electric sunroof and extended warranty. Offers over £25,500, please phone
(0274) 564894
Private sale

SOVEREIGN 2.9 (new shape) Dorchester grey/savile grey interior. £24,500. Tel:06632 4883eves + w/ends, 061 368 2496(days).

JAGUAR & DAIMLER WANTED

HATTONS SOUTHPORT Urgently require good, low mileage cars. Tel Office 0704 33655

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

EASTER RANGE ROVER BONNETS
New Vogue EFi and Diesel Turbo. Manual & Auto for immediate delivery.
JV Like & Sons
Hay-On-Wye.
Sunday & After Hours
0497 820470
& Office Hrs 0497 820404

RANGE ROVER VOGUE
C reg. 16,000 miles.
air conditioning,
sun roof,
tow bar. £13,750
Tel: Bedford
(0234) 211411.

RANGE ROVER VOGUE
1985 'C' Reg.
Silver, 14,000 miles. Air conditioning & option pack.
£14,750
406 7663 or
01 204 3464

DAIHATSU 1987 EL Turbo diesel 1,500 miles. extended manufacturers warranty. £1,000 saving on list. £12,000 Tel: 088385 3297.

RANGE ROVER LWB Limousine. LHD. 86 Reg. light met green. magnolia interior. 3,000 miles. A/C. TV. video & much more. £26,000. Wargrave 2904 T

R R Vogue EFI 1986 1 lady owner, auto. air cond. many other extras. £18,995 ono Tel Sevenoaks (0732) 61553

CAR & MOBILE PHONES

The Business,
In the palm of your hand...
Mobile Telephones at the right cost from the right company
SPECIAL OFFER
£635 +VAT
AVANT GARDE SYSTEMS LTD are one of the biggest micro-computer and communications product distributors in the UK and are pleased to announce that they are now one of the biggest offical Novatel dealers.
Hand Portables at £1,375
NovAtel
Tel: (0628) 20202
AVANT GARDE SYSTEMS Ltd.
54-70 Moorbridge Road, Maidenhead SL6 8BN

WHAT PRICE SECURITY?
B. A. Motors offer a complete range of vehicle security systems to suit your personal requirements.
Fleet vehicles, alarms fitted at your premises.
Collection service available in South East London and North Kent areas.
B. A. Motors
1A Kentmere Road, Plumstead SE18
Tel: 01 854 3247

SAAB

SAAB CABRIOLET 16 Valve Turbo. White paintwork. Tan leather upholstery. delivery mileage only. £23,495. 0227 368297 eves/w/ends.

9000 - Turbo. Malachite green with beige int. 16,500 miles. C reg. ACC. Stereo rad/cass. FSH £13,950. Tel: (0631 85) 428.

SAAB 900 Turbo 16 3 door 1986 D. Malachite Green. 14,000 miles. Ronal alloy wheels. Twin Heuschling exhausts. Philips stereo & 4 speakers. Stunning machine. Tel: 0623 863712.

900 TURBO 86 (C) White. 3 dr. S/roof. alarm. Stereo. Excellent condition. 18,000 miles. £9,200. Tel. (07842) 41696.

900 Turbo Series. 1986. Individualist's car, believed one of only three. White colour coded. compomotive wheels. professionally lowered. Clarion stereo. sunroof. All luxury extras. Truly immaculate. £9,995. Tel 0296 436612.

900 Turbo SE. 1983. Slate grey. Leather. Electric roof, windows, mirrors and central locking. Top Philips Hi-Fi. Service history. Many extras. Excellent cond. £5,750. John 01 531 7975 eves/w'ends.

900 TURBO 83 (Y) APC. Automatic saloon. silver with blue velour, full specs incl. Air cond VGC. £5,000 0483 575670

GENERAL

jetex 'THE EXHAUST'
WITH A SOUND THAT CALLS A TUNE
- Engineered to reduce back pressure and increase performance.
- Designed to enhance the style of your car.
- Supplied boxed with fitting kit and replacement gasket.
- EEC/TUV type approval.

Astra GTE, Manta B 1.8/2.0, Nova, Cavalier SRi.
Also available for Golf GTi, Saab, Volvo, BMW 300 Series (6 Cy), Peugeot 205 GTi, Ford XR3/XR3i, Orion, Mercedes 190.
Contact: Alan Jones, Jetex, Unit 4, Swan Development, Avenue Farm, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 7 OHR
Tel: 0789 298989

HENLYS of ESHER
We have a limited number of
NEW CARLTONS
for immediate delivery
TEL: 01 398 0123

VAUXHALL FLEET SPECIALIST
IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND
BLUE BELL GARAGE
OF CLEVELAND
FOR CONTRACT HIRE & LEASING
Contact JIM DOLBY
GENERAL SALES MANAGER
Acklam Road, Middlesbrough
Tel: (0642) 593333

HONDA
Norton Way Motors
0462 678191

FOR MASSIVE DISCOUNTS ON NEW U.K. SUPPLIED CARS
Part Exchange Welcome
Mon. to Fri. 9am-6pm
0482 20766
24hr Answering Service
MOTORSAVE U.K.

MONTEGO VDP EFi, 86 C Reg. 1 private owner. Black, tan hide, PAS, S/roof, R cassette. Tinted E/W and mirrors. 10,000 mls. Just serviced. Mint condition. £6,895. 318 1482 or 720 0050.

CITROEN FAMILIALE (7/8 seater) June 86. 9,000mls. Silver blue exterior, grey interior, 1 owner, superb condition. £8,450. Tel. 0322 521785.

ROVER 2.6 S 1981 X. Manual 5 speed Gold Metallic. Leather interior. First class condition. 32,000 miles. One owner. Private sale. £2,780. 0323 28586

HONDA PRELUDE 1981 Red. sun-roof, radio, MOT, very attractive car. Careful lady owner £2,395. (0572 379374.

XR3i - Nimbus grey. 'C' reg. S/R. Elec windows. FSH. Superb. £5,300 ono. Tel: 01 256 3785

VX SENATOR C.D. Dec 84. 25,000 mls. Full spec + ABS. White. Black int. 1 owner + FSH. £7,795 Tel 0783 30967 T

CITROEN VISA GTI 'D' 2,000 mls only. Met Silver. £4,795. Will Del 0736 758044/756135 T

ROVER 820 5 speed. 86 D. Silver, blue velour int. alloys. S/roof. 6k miles. as new. £12,650. 01 671 3898.

ROVER STERLING auto. 86 D. Burgundy, tan leather int. Very high spec. 5k miles, as new. £14,950. 01 671 3898.

NEW Rolex Quartz Oyster Best look a like watches. Beautifully marked. £200. W/end/eve pref 0273 834296.

LEGEND - Earliest delivery Honda Legend V6i. Surrey/North Hants main agents with 15 years experience of Honda cars. Smith Bros Honda. (0252) 624556. Mon Sat. (0734) 661187 Sun.

DISCOUNTS NOT IMPORTS
MOST MAKES AVAILABLE
● SUPPLIED BY UK MAIN DEALER
● MANUFACTURERS FULL WARRANTY
● FREE FIRST SERVICE
● SERVICING AT YOUR LOCAL DEALER
e.g. Save £1 065 on Golf GTi 5 door
MOTORVATION
(0480) 66233 - 4 Lines

VOLVO 760 GLE Saloon. A reg. metallic grey. All extras inclusive. 8,000$ car phone. fsh. £8,250. Tel 01 660 3723.

VOLVO 240GL - Saloon auto. C reg. 13,000 mls. Extras inc sunroof. As new condition. £6,895 ono. Tel: 01-462 9355.

205 GTI - Oct 86. 16,000 miles S/R. FSH. Red. Superb £6,600 ono. Tel: 01 235 5785

PEUGEOT 205 GTI, C reg. anthracite grey. FSH, ex cond. £5,995. Tel 0362 81306/4226.

PEUGEOT 205 GTI. C reg. Cherry red. FSH. Excellent cond. £5,995. Tel. (0234) 715827.

VOLVO 760 GLE Auto Estate. metallic blue green. fullest possible spec inc leather seats, climate control. 16,000 miles. £13,950. Tel 0869 38182 (H). 0869 241881 (bus). T

LANCIA DELTA Save £1,500 on a new, fabulous GTie. UK supplied, full specs and warranty. Black metallic. Unwanted gift. Tel: Guildford (0483) 575670.

CITROEN VISA 17RD Diesel. D reg. 119 mls only. Fitted S/R. £5,495. Will Deliver Tel: 0736 758044/756135 T

JAGUAR SOV 4.2 1986 C Reg. Sage Green. Doeskin leather £17,950. (0892) 34242 or (0892) 864188 (eves, w/e) T.

NEW Carlton CSi 3000. Black Starmist. For immediate delivery. John Sullivan 0494 30021 Davenport Vernon Co Ltd

VOLVO 245GL 1981, auto, pas, estate, met/silver. 4 new tyres. 68,000 miles. excellent cond. £3,250 ono. 01 381 8138.

MOTORS WANTED

AUDI COUPÉ (not Quattro) GT or FI wanted. Second hand, good condition. Tel: 01 734 4692 daytime or 225 6307.

SUZUKIS All Models. Best prices paid. Will collect, distance no object. Tel. 01-449 5007 Mon-Sat. 01-363 3824 Sun T

PORSCHE

911 3.3 Turbo. 86 D Jet Black. 4,000 mls. Black leather, white piping. Sun roof. LSD. Alpine stereo. Cobra alarm. £48,000 01 283 7941 Mr Edge

924 LUX Auto. 82 Red. Immac. 6 mths wrty. Sunroof. Lady owner. FSH. 23,000 m only. £7,950 ono. Tel 0565 830554

RARE - 924 Martini Special edition model, exceptional condition. £4,650 Tel (0272) 590568.

928 S - Manual. Contours winner. Guards red. 28,000 mls. 1980. "928" Reg No. ESR FSH. As new £14,995 01 776 0194

PORSCHE 928 S Auto. Full spec. 1982 Absolutely mint. FSH £15,000 Tel 09274 21220

911 SC Targa. Brown. March 80. 61,000 miles. FSH. pdm. £11,780 ONO. PCGB member. Tel: Bristol (0272) 621969 (H)

944 Coupé. March 85 B Reg. Red. FM Stereo, s/roof. Full spec. Mint. Ex Finance Lease Vehicle with FSH. Guaranteed mlg 16,000. £16,995 ono Autolease Ltd 021 786 1843 / 2132

944 LUX 1984 (A) Pewter met. porsche cloth int. pdm. ew. front fog lights. FSH. 6,000 miles. price for quick sale £14,250 ovno. Tel (0494) 27650 (Eves).

911 CARRERA - Sports Targa. 1986 C reg. Left hand drive. one owner. full leather interior. FSH. Porsche DM. low milage £21,750. Tel: 061-798 7975.

924 LUX 1980. Guards red. S/R. elec mirrors/W. Pasha interior. FSH, T&T. beautiful. Private. £4,995 ono. 01-785 3493.

928 auto. 1980. Full SH silver/blue. S pack. £10,250 ono Tel: (0836) 504489.

944 AUTO 1984 wine metallic. 28,000 miles. FSH. mint. £13,750. 0836 280994.T.

944 '84A. White. 26,000 mls. 1 previous owner. £12,950. Reliable (07572) 43625T

911 TURBO 3.3 82 Low mls. Full spec. Superb. £22,500 Tel 0734 789884 Hunters

944 TURBO 86 D Black. Magnolia. Full spec. Superb £26,950 0734 789884 Hunters

SAME DAY SERVICE
For the Jaguar owner travelling to London, Lancaster's offer a fast, efficient same-day service.
- Leave your Jaguar while you take the train
- Collect it on your return
- Just 5 minutes from Sevenoaks station
- 30 minutes from Central London

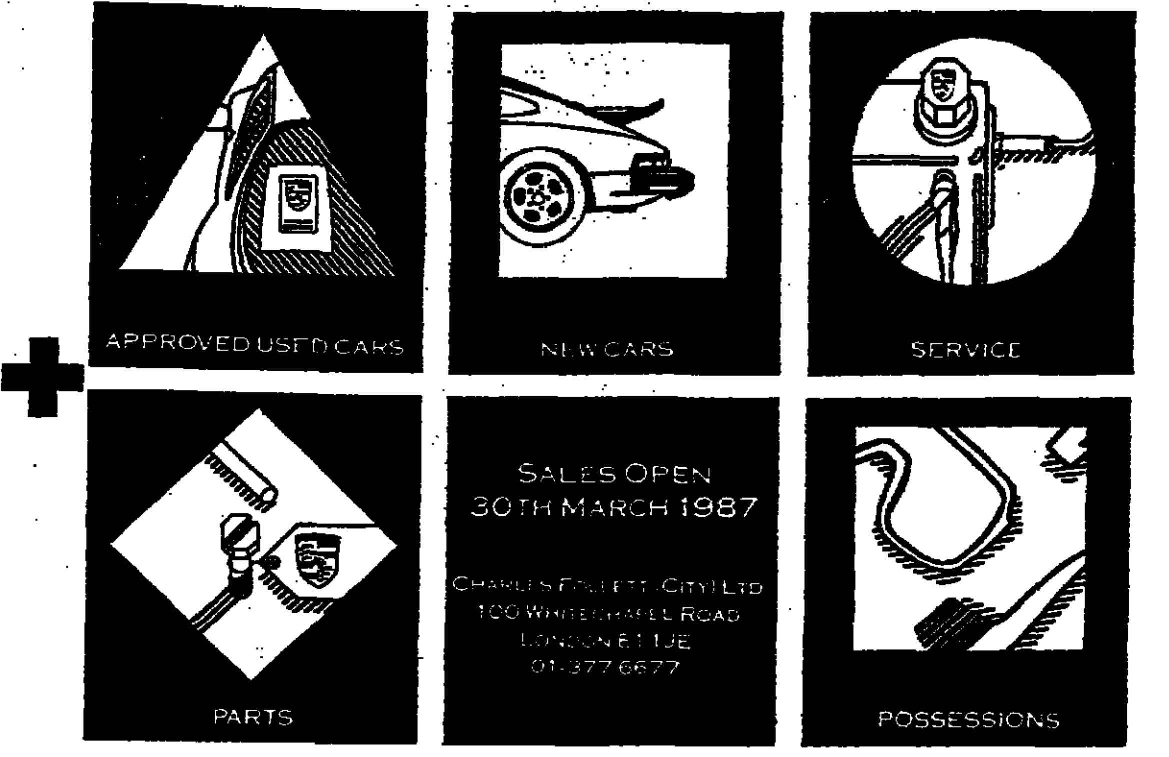
Lancaster
Lancaster Jaguar. 92 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1BA (0732) 456300
JAGUAR OFFICIAL DEALER

هكذا من الأصل

CAR BUYERS GUIDE

PORSCHE OFFICIAL CENTRES

ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE NEW COMPLETE PORSCHE CENTRE IN THE CITY



IT ALL ADDS UP TO

FOLLETT FOR PORSCHE

NOBODY UNDERSTANDS PORSCHE QUITE LIKE FOLLETT

MAYFAIR PORSCHE CENTRE 18 BERKELEY STREET LONDON W1X 6ND 01-629 6266
ST JOHN'S WOOD PORSCHE CENTRE 6 HALL ROAD LONDON NW8 9PA 01-289 2211

FA/P/010/3/87

Official Porsche Centre For Kent
SALES · SERVICE · PARTS
Waldron PORSCHE
Hart Street, Maidstone
ME16 8RA.
Tel: (0622) 683838

HOWELLS MOTORS LIMITED
JAN 85 928S2 Auto Crystal Green, full Green hide piped Beige, HiFi pack, S/Seats, FSH, 15,500M ____ £28,950
AUG 85 911 CARRERA Sport Coupe B Red, Blk hide, S/Seats, FSH 25,000M £29,950
Oct 86 (87 MODEL) 924S Zermatt Met, Black pinstripe, S/R, PAS, C/Holder, HiFi, FSH, 6,700M ____ £18,[illegible]
MARCH 84 944 B Red, Beige Porsche cloth, S/R, 215/60, Fogs, FSH, 38,700M £13,950
AUG 85 924S Guards Red, Black Porsche cloth, HiFi, FSH, 3,800 mls ____ £17,750
AUG 84 924 Copenhagen Blue, Beige pin, Turbo style wheels, S/R, HiFi, 28,300M £10,450
SUNDAY 0222 811949 OFFICE 0222 592363

maltin PORSCHE
84(A) 924 Lux, Alpine White/Black pinstripe, PDM, Sunroof, Cloth door inserts, Stereo, 32,000m ____ £10,250
87(D) 924S Auto, Alpine White/Light Grey pinstripe, PAS, Sunroof, Cloth door inserts, 3,000m ____ £19,950
84(B) 944S, Summer Yellow/Black pinstripe, Sunroof, LP Tyres, Cassette holder, Foglights, 5,000m ____ £22,950
87(D) 944S, Flamingo/Burgundy pinstripe, Sunroof, LP Tyres, Foglights, 3,600m ____ £25,950
85(C) (86 Series) 944 Turbo, Stone Grey Metallic/Red leather, Forged alloys, 12,900m ____ £29,950
84(C) 911 Carrera Super Sport Coupe, Turbo Body, Guards Red/Black leather sports seats, 21,000m ____ £33,950
84(D) 911 Turbo 3.3, Garnet Metallic/Burgundy pinstripe with part leather, colourcoded wheels, 1,000m £49,950
84(C) 928S Auto, Guards Red/Black leather, Red piping, Wide track, ESR, 5,000m ____ £34,950
87(D) 928S4 Auto, Dark Blue/Blue leather seats with grey inserts, LSD, ESR, 3,000m ____ £50,950
SUNDAY (0734) 426645
Henley-on-Thames
(0491) 578111
OFFICIAL PORSCHE CENTRE

HENDON WAY MOTORS
87 Series 911 Turbo Prussian blue 800m.
83 911 Turbo. Guards red. 22,000m.
83 911 Turbo. Guards red. 34,000m.
81 911 Turbo. Black. 40,000m.
87 Series 928 S2 Auto black. 3,000m.
86 928 S2 Auto red burgundy 9,000m.
84 928S Series 2 Auto slate blue 34,000m.
83 928 S2. Auto harvest gold. 39,000m.
83 928 S2. Auto slate blue. 30,000m.
83 Series 928 S Auto blue met 29,000m.
86 911 Carrera Spt Targa. Black 8,000m.
85 911 Carrera Spt Targa. Iris blue. 14,000m.
86 911 Carrera Spt Cabriolet. White. 13,000m.
84 911 Carrera Spt Coupe. Pewter. 29,000m.
84 911 Carrera Spt Cabriolet. Slate blue. 20,000m.
84 911 Carrera Coupe. Glacier blue. 30,000m.
84 Series 911 SC Spt Targa. Black. 29,000m.
83 911 SC Spt Targa. Guards red. 27,000m.
82 Ser 911 SC Spt Targa. Mocca black. 24,000m.
82 911 SC Spt Coupe. Pewter 52,000m.
81 911 SC Spt Targa. Guards red. 45,000m.
81 911 SC Spt Targa. Met. wine red. 34,000m.
79 911 SC Spt Targa. Ice blue 38,000m.
78 911 SC Spt Coupe. Metallic black. 53,000m.
79 928 Auto. Mocha black. 55,000m.
78 911 Carrera Spt Coupe. Met gold.
86 944 Turbo. Guards red 800m.
85 944 Lux. Black full leather trim. 5,000m.
85 944. Guards red. 5,800m.
85 944 Lux. White. 11,000m.
85 944 Lux. Met gold. 14,000m.
85 Select 944. Lux white. 23,800m.
[illegible]

3.3 TURBO
Grand Prix White, full black hide, 1980 V, PDM, stereo, 54,000 miles, full documented history, tax & MOT,
£18,495
0428 712833 T

944 LUX - 'C' reg. Excellent condition. Graphite metallic. Sunroof. Fogs. Forged alloy wheels. PDM. Sports seats. 19,500 miles. £16,250. Tel: 01-709 3108 (office) or 01-622 6111 (evenings)

POSSIBLY the fastest accelerating 911 Porsche in Britain. 0-60 4.8 secs. 0-100 11.8 secs. Well documented promotional 935 Style 3 litre turbo engined street racer. Met dark blue. £20,000 Tel: (0438) 820863.

924 S (D) 5,700 miles, white, black pinstripe interior. ESR. PDM. cass holder. cloth inserts, stereo. F & R anti roll bars. 18M manufacturers warranty. £15,295 ono. Tel. 01 730 5505 home or 01 405 5875 office.

944 LUX 84 A. G/Red. FSH. Porsche Serviced Jan 87. 34,000 m. ESR. PDM. Spots. 215 wheels. new tyres. Excellent cond. £13,750. Home-0254 852773. Day-0254 667866.

924 LUX B reg. Guards Red. Immac. 17,000 miles. elec S/R. windows & mirrors. Panasonic system. alloys. £11,600 neg. 0903 505034 Home or 0903 212222 Office (P Eustace).

911 SC Coupe. 1984. pristine condition. full history. 40,000 miles. moss green. air conditioning. sunroof. etc. £19,350 ono Tel 01 629 5989 office hrs.

924S C reg. Guards red. ESR. PDM. power steering. Dolby stereo. Porsche cloth (black). Coin cass.. manuf. warranty. 21,000 miles. £13,750. Tel: 06073 5200.

944 - 5 speed manual. 84. Sapphire blue. PAS. PDM. Front spoiler and spots. Pinstripe cloth. 27,000 miles. FSH. Music. £15,250. Tel: 01 987 6002 (Office) or 0277 218835 (Home)

911 Sports Coupe. 1st registered 22/12/82. White Gold metallic. FSH. only 29,000 miles. beautiful condition throughout. 1 years warranty. £18,995. 0483 232072.

OVER 20 VARIOUS MODELS
944. 83-86. From £11,995
944 Turbo. 86 (C). £27,995
911 Sports. 83 (A). From £19,995
911 Carrera. 84-86. From £23,995
MJA
GUILDFORD (0483) 66111

911 CARRERA Sports Targa. 8,300 miles. C reg. Red/black leather. Remote alarm. 5 months warranty. Electric sports seats and mirrors. Plus all usual refinements. As new. £28,750. Tel: Home 0625 828898 Work 061 998 3828.

911 Turbo - 1985 (C). Guards Red. pearl-white leather/black piping. Electric sports seats. sun-roof. mirror etc. F.S.H.: absolutely superb. 13,000 miles. £38,950. Tel: 061 709 5561 (Bus). 061 924 1831(H. before 9.00 pm).

911 Targa sport. 86 (D). white. black full leather. FSH. tint gradients. C/L. E/Seats. Blaupunkt. immac. 10,000 miles. £32,950. Tel: (0625) 530821. Office 061-834 3773.

TURBO 944 - 86 series. 15,000 mls. met light blue. immaculate. leather. cruise. tint. air con. £25,950. Tel: (0932) 54522 and 200 office. (09905) 7898 home. Weybridge. Surrey.

3.3 TURBO "V" Reg. metallic black. full black interior. 51,000 miles. fsh. remote central door locking and alarm. genuine immaculate car. £17,500. Tel 01 485 8898.

924 LUX - 85 (B). White. 18,000 miles. Air conditioning. Electric sunroof. PDM. Panasonic stereo. 1 owner. Service history. £11,250. Tel: 01-504 5633

PORCHE 928 Auto. V reg. FSH. low mileage: 56,000 miles. Petrol blue. Pioneer stereo and air-conditioning. £9,750. Tel. 075084 206

911 CABRIOLET
January 1985 B reg. White, Black leather interior, 17,000 miles
£26,000.
01-937 0842

944
'C' reg.
March 86. Guards Red. Sunroof. New turbo dash. 16,000 miles. Immaculate. FSH. £18,250.
Tel: Mr Johnston
01-730 7386
(eves & weekends)
or 01-382 8804 (office)

PROBABLY THE LOWEST MONTHLY REPAYMENTS FOR LEASING A LUXURY NEW OR USED MOTOR CAR AVAILABLE.
CALL THE EXPERTS TODAY.
MOTORLEASE LTD.
TEL: 01-735 8171, x 9.
01-582 7499.
SUNDAY (0836) 783490.

PORSCHE CLUB GREAT BRITAIN
Special Porsche insurance rates available to members. Club racing and sprints. Technical advice. Workshop manuals. Buy or sell your Porsche through the club. Insignia etc. etc. Membership open to owners and enthusiasts throughout the world. Send for application form or join by telephone, quoting Access, Barclaycard or American Express.
Ayton House, West End
NORTHLEACH
Gloucestershire GL54 3HG
Telephone: Cotswold (0451) 60792

PORSCHE WANTED

PRE '84 924 and 944's urgently. Frederick Charles (Cars) of Kenilworth (0926) 53636

COLLECTORS CARS

KARMANN GHIA 1600cc Tempest. 1969. Fully reconditioned. MoT. £2,500. Tel. 01-402 9796

1932 Morris minor. black. In good condition. Good runner. £4,000 ono. Tel: 041 779 1585.

AUSTIN CHUMMY 1929, £4,000. 0926 315479.

ANTIQUE Bicycles (Penta Cycle Hen + Chicks) £2,600 (Ruker Tandem) £2,000 (2X Bone Shakers) £2,200. PX collectors car cash either way 073782 2837 or 0883 44118T

4.2 E-TYPE Jaguar. 1969. original red. immaculate cond. all new upholstery & body work. 8,000 miles. wire wheels. sunroof. £7,500. 01-482 2584 or 01-482 1812 office.

UNUSUAL S-Type Jaguar. 1966. reconditioned 4.2. BRG. WW. HRW. manual O/D. 12 months MOT. VGC. A joy to drive. Garaged in Herts. £6,000. Tel 01-293 3434 X2217 (day). 01-228 4646 eves

BRISTOL BRITANNIA 86. 18,000 mls. £32,750. R. S. Feagle Ltd. Bushey Heath. Herts. 01-950 1685. Sun: 0279 843161

BUGATTI Replica ERA 1932 racing car. Aluminium (Schlechter King). 'One off'. £8,600 px. 073782 2837 or 0883 44118T

MGC GT J reg. Low mileage for year. Mineral blue. excellent condition. A bargain at £2,750 Tel: 0530 72600

ROVER 110 RAL. 1963. maroon. immaculate silver grey trim. £2,750. Photo. Tel: York 0904 422913.

JAGUAR 3.4S 1967 man o/d. wires. £2,960. P/restored 073782 2837 or 0883 44118T

JAGUAR MK2 1963 2.4 man o/d. £2,495. Clean example. 073782 2837 or 0883 44118T

LEFT hand drive Mercedes 280SE 3.5 1972 a/c. £2,375 073782 2837 or 0883 44118T

MGB ROADSTER
Red colour, 250 miles only. 1980 model, overdrive.
£7,800 ONO.
Tel: (Kings Langley) 09277 63018.

JENSON INTERCEPTER Series 3 1975. In excellent condition. £7,950 ono. or small part exchange considered. Over £2,500 recently been spent on this very collectable car via Jenson servicing. Tel 021 444 2984.

DAIMLER COUPE - 4.2. 1977. beautiful Sapphire metallic. VDP trim. Connolly leather. all crome. £4,000. Tel: (0705) 466463.

MGB GT H reg. Very low mileage. Bermuda blue. overdrive. MOT. Professionally restored to concourse condition. £8,000 ono. Tel: 0908 79707.

TR6 - Registered April 1969. Extensive body and mechanical rebuild. excellent condition. damson. £4,000. Tel: 01-381 2860 or Office 01-489 2289.

TRIUMPH TR6 1974. 1 owner since new. under 70,000 miles. hard top. £3,000 ono for quick sale. Tel. 068 472 387 evenings.

BMW CLASSIC - pair. CSL coupe & 2002 cabriolet. both immaculate. £7,000 & £3,000 respec. Exc hist. Tel: (0242) 580391.

1966 Wolsley 1100. Taxed May. m.o.t Oct 38,000 genuine mls only. Outstanding condition for the year. £700. 061 336 6268

BEETLE Convertible. LHD. Sky blue with black top. Excellent condition £3,950. 01-878 2361

L/H drive Daimler Coupe 1978 V12 5.3. Red. a/c. £7,500. 073782 2857 or 0883 44118T

STAG 1975 manual 1 owner. 62,000 miles. delft blue. immaculate. £4,000. 05827 60053.

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY

JBA offer Rolls Royce Silver Spirit, 1984 B,
Metallic Royal Blue, cream hide with blue piping, 1 owner, 23,000 miles.
£44,995. Tel: 0705 326266.
Open 7 days -
We deal Nationwide

ROLLS ROYCE SILVER SHADOW II. 1978. Long wheel base. Nutmeg brown with ivory roof. matching ivory leather interior. 64,000 miles. £11,000. Tel. 0734 597281.

BENTLEY CONTINENTAL S3 1963 (Chinese Eyes) Mulliner Park Ward. Maroon. Beige leather interior. good condition. £26,750 Tel: 036 284 242

CORNICHE CONVERTIBLE. 1974. Brown. Beige hood & int. 70,000 mls. 1 prev owner. U.S spec. Pristine cond. Quick sale £26,950. 01 602 3141/1775

ROLLS ROYCE Shadow I. 1976. 48,000 miles. Full history. 4 new tyres. Immaculate condition. Offers in the region of £11,500. Tel: 0707 58821

SHADOW II. 1979 (V). Brown with tan Everflex roof. immaculately maintained in peak condition. 64,000 miles. £18,500. Tel (0885) 722262.

SILVER SPIRIT Y reg. black. FSH. car phone. drinks cabinet. 30,000 miles. £31,000. 061 834 0070 day. 061 962 4262 eves.

SILVER SHADOW II 1980 (V). black/ silver with red hide. FSH. lambs wool rugs. immac cond. 56,000 miles. 1 owner. £17,000. Tel: (0273) 564953

76 ROLLS SHADOW. Private no. 63,000 miles. Brown with beige everflex roof. Service history. £9,600. Tel: 049 163 465.

ROLLS ROYCE Corniche convertible. 1971. 2 owners. 74,000 miles. Sea Mist. new Mohair hood. new tyres. superb condition. £24,950. Tel: 0743 884778

SILVER SHADOW - 1973. Silver blue. 32,000 miles. Full History. Mint condition. Full inspection invited. Tel. 01 393 7366.T

1974 RR Silver Shadow. flared arch. Shell grey. grey leather. 30,000 miles only. £12,500. Wargrave 2804. T

FOR HIRE Silver Spirit. Self-drive or chauffeur. Other vehicles available. 01-340 9280/7902 T

1970 RR Silver Shadow LWB with division. Midnight blue. all usual refinements. 63,000 miles £8,750. Wargrave 2804. T

SILVER SHADOW II 1977. Personal number. gold/dark brown. 77,000 miles. Immaculate. £11,900 ono for quick sale. Tel:021 369 0481(Bus).

CORNICHE Convertible - 1975. Ivory with Mag top with Chocolate hide/Mag trim. Dealer Maintained. One Owner. Bosch Pre-amp. 25,000 miles. Absolutely unmmaculate - £32,900. Tel: 01-949 8899.

1981 ROLLS ROYCE Silver Spirit. Chestnut with cream leather trim. Perfect service history. Celebrity owned. Part exchange considered. £24,950. Tel: (037 882) 2243 & 3188 (office) or 3274 (Home)

ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY WANTED

PRIVATELY Wanted. Rolls Corniche up to £15,000 cash paid. Will collect. 0204 387816/7 Evenings & Weekends 061 792 5510

P.J. FISCHER Pays highest prices for low mileage RR & Bentleys. 1930 - 1980. 01 785 6633.

V.W. AND AUDI

GOLF GTI CC Convertible. 1986 (C). White with blue hood and interior. full spec. 6,000 miles. excellent condition. quality stereo. FSH. £9,750. 0622 871940 Evening and weekends.

AUDI 200 Turbo Manual. 1985. full Treser suspension/ body conversion. Black & beautiful. 32,000 m. £11,750. 0252 703370. (Office: 01 606 1000).

GOLF GTi 5 door. July 1986. 8,000 miles. atlas grey. personal number. £8,700. Tel 0476 85601 evenings and weekends. 0476 66461 office.

GOLF GTI 3 door. Immediate delivery. following colours: Tornado red. Atlas grey and White. Call Max on 0782 426665 T.

QUATTRO TURBO March 83. Red. factory sunroof. FSH. 40,000 miles. Showroom condition. £10,250 ono. Tel: 0743 69842 (H) or 3649 (W).

AUDI 80 SPORT 86 (C) Reg. red. sunroof. c/locking. immaculate. 7,000 miles. £6,950 Tel Cobham (0932) 65708.

AUDI 100 CC 1985. silver. 1 owner. FSH. 39,000 miles. immaculate condition. £4,500 ono. Tel: 01 727 1337.

AUDI COUPE GT. 85 C reg. Blue One owner. 20,000 miles. Excellent condition. £7,750. 01 340 6732 (H) 01 994 6477 (Ask for Science Systems).

GTI Cabriolet, all white Campaign model. June 83. FSH. exceptional condition. Extras. £5,800. Tel: 0734 794183.

AUDI QUATTRO Turbo Coupe June 83 White. Black int. 43,000 mls. Impeccable history. Factory S/R. Superb £9,950. Tel: Harden Road Garage Ltd. West Yorks 0535 605182

AVANT 100 Quattro Turbo estate. April 86 C. tort red. one owner. 18,000 m. a/con. ABS. heated F seats. rad/cass. superb vehicle. £17,950. 0483 (Cranleigh) 274914 TLF Ltd.

AUDI QUATTRO Turbo. October '83. silver. sunroof. FSH. 1 owner. 48,000 miles. £9,950. Tel. 0403 782219.

AUDI Quattro Turbo 1984. ABS. Digital dash. White with Brown trim. Exceptional. 64,000 mls. £10,750. Tel: 0438 820287 T

OWN A NEW VW Golf from only £36.60 per week. Call Scotts Now for full details. 0442 217101.

SCIROCCO GTX 86 C. Met silver. 20,000 miles. 1 yr ext warranty. 1 owner. immaculate. FSH £6,950. Tel: 0276 21064.

AUDI 200 Turbo auto. low mileage. W reg. 1 owner. £3,200. Mr Crocker 0843 63512.

AUDI AVANT CD reg 1987 under 3,000 mls. £18,425. Shrewsbury motors 0743 52471.

1985 (C) Audi Avant CD 32,000 miles. £9,850 Shrewsbury motors 0743 52471.

MIDLAND'S LARGEST STOCKIST new/used. man/auto Golf Convertibles. 0682 872182. T

GOLF GTI - 87 mod. 7,000 mls. Alloys. Red. Toronto stereo. £9,495. Tel: 0626 31878 (T)

GOLF GTI convertible. '85. yellow/black. low mls. £6,995. Karman of Barnet 441 2345.

GOLF GTI GTI GTI inc 16 valve Over 40 new & used cars available. 0682 872182. (VW dealer)

GTI GOLF'S Saloon. 16 Valves. convertible. colour choice. Best discount. Tel 01 9381 393 T.

JAFFAR INTERNATIONAL - for your earliest delivery on most models call 0527 44554

NEW GOLF GTI's & convertibles + Audio 80's. Immediate delivery. Contact ICC 01-202 8896

16 VALVE Golf GTI a choice of two. Shrewsbury motors. 0743 52471.

'87 D GOLF GL Automatic, tornado red, central locking £7,150.
87 D GOLF C Stratus blue 5 speed ____ £5,795.
86 D JETTA GT Alpine white, zender body kit bbs wheels ____ £8,750.
86 D GOLF GL CONVERTIBLE bbs body kit alloy wheels ____ £6,250.
86 D GOLF GTI 3 door mars red, 15,000 miles ____ £8,495.
85 B AUDI 100 SALOON white ____ £5,950.
SCOTTS of SLOANE SQUARE
214 Pavilion Rd., Sloane Square, London SW1
01-730 2131

MERCEDES AUTHORISED DEALERS

Rivervale of Pangbourne (07357) 3322
Sunday Telephone (0836) 592093

85 C 190E Auto ESR EFW ____ £14,995
86 D 190E Turbo Auto ESR EW AW ____ £18,995
85 C 200 Auto Spoiler Kit RC ____ £18,850
86 C 230E Auto AC ESR EW RC ____ £18,500
85 C 300E Auto ESR HWW AW RC ____ £21,950
86 C 300E Auto ESR AW RC Spoiler Kit £26,000
86 C 280TE CC AW RC ____ £18,500
86 C 420SE ESR CC AW E/Seats ____ £31,500
87 D 500SE ESR AC AW E/Seats ____ £37,450
85 B 500SL Auto RC ____ £27,500
86 D 500SL Auto RC ____ £34,950
84 A 500SEC Standard Spec ____ £27,950
86 D 560SEL Standard Spec ____ £48,950
MERCEDES-BENZ

500 SEC Jan 1986 Signal Red with Cream leather/trim. 1 owner. Only 3,000 miles. FSH. £57,950. Tel: 04946 2141 Hughes Of Beaconsfield

MERCEDES

380 SL A Reg Signal Red. Hard & Soft tops. Alloys. E/Windows. E/mirrows. 11,000 mls only. FSH. Like new! £22,950. Good Guarantee. P/X poss. Epsom (03727) 28173 T

380 SL Sports. 1981 (W). Metallic gold. Hard and soft tops. Low mileage. Immaculate condition. Service history. £13,500 ono. Tel: 021 454 1023 (Home) or 021 454 7404 (Office)

230TE - auto. September 86, new shape. Elec SR/windows. Rear seats. Smoked silver. Cost £20,000+. Sensible offers over £17,000. Tel: Evans 01-771 3513 /weekdays.

280 CE 1981. Signal red. low mlge. top condition. Auto. ESR. Alloys. New tyres. radio cass. MOT till Feb '88. £7,995. Tel: 09276 2861 or 0727 66500.

190 E TURBO - 1986. Stunning performance plus appearance. Burgundy red ABS. Automatic. Electric windows. roof and headlamp washers. Alloy wheels. Lorinser body kit plus springs. 27,000 miles. £14,500. Tel: Mr Rossiter 0865 880157 (eves) or 08692 44771 (day)

MERCEDES 280SE A reg. 1984. taxed until 31.5.87. this car is in pristine condition and carries many Mercedes extra's. New tyres all round and the vehicle has a full service history by the main agent. £13,000 ono. Telephone (0527) 20292.

500 SL 1981 - In classic White. Blue trim. Hard and Soft tops. Low mileage. Immaculate condition. Service history. Tasteful front and rear spoilers. Offers in the region of £16,000 Tel: 061-723 4818 or (0204) 58106.

D registered 420SEC. Signal red/cream hide interior. 4,000 miles. Offers. Phone: (0777) 818082.

190 E 1986 C. white. auto. E.S.R.. including car phone. high mileage hence low price £11,996. Phone 0203 474135.

280E 1985 B. signal red. automatic. alloys. ESR. ABS. Boston stereo cassette. immaculate £13,000 ono. 0625 221200 .

450 SE: Auto. 1978. metallic blue. beige interior. immaculate. company maintained. MoT. £3,850. Tel 01 579 3602

380 SL 1980. (V). ivory. brown trim. alloys. hard/soft top. 69,000 miles. fsh. immaculate. £12,500. Tel 0843 821227.

190 E - 'D' registration. Auto. 10,000 miles ESR. E/W. PAS. £14,500. Tel: 0245 400781

MERCEDES 280 SE auto. 1982 Y. 1 owner. 64,000 mls FSH. £10,500 ono 0602 663444.

230 SL 1965. hard/soft tops. exc cond. cherished number. £9,250. 089283 5425 office

450 SL 1980. Metallic Gold. 36,000 miles. FSH. immaculate. £14,500 0273 417557.

MERCEDES 380 SEL. X registration. 48,000 miles. metallic silver. full AMG pack & colour coding. extras & modification too numerous to mention. telephone optional. full service history. this vehicle must be viewed to be appreciated. £10,995. Tel 041 221 9103 office or 0836 704040 anytime. T

280 SE AUTO (86) 4,000 miles. Astral silver metallic. pristine condition. luxury extras include. electric sun roof. air conditioning. leather upholstery. alloy wheels. stereo radio cassette and abs. Offers over £24,000 Tel 0253 58589.T.

230 Metallic Grey. cream upholstery. 2 years old. 22,000 miles. excellent condition. 1 owner. private sale £9,750 or offers. Tel 0604 62940/ 66678

500 SE 1985. Silver. leather. ABS. Alloys. Air cond. Elec seats. 23,000 mls. £21,000 (0892) 34242 Office or (0892) 884186 (eves. w/e) T

500 SL 1982 Hard and soft top. alloys. stereo. realistic mileage. Immaculate Company Chairman's car. £17,350. Tel. 021 233 1200.

280 SL AUTO 85 10,000 miles. showroom condition. 1st offer over £23,000 Day 0978 61966. Eves/W/ends 0978 780484

190 A reg. May 84. grey/navy int. 51,000 miles. many extras incl. air cond. VGC. £8,750. Tel. 01 370 3318 weekdays.

MERCEDES 280 TE Estate 1984 Thistle Green. 83,000 mls. alloys. sun roof. £9,200 ono. Tel 0782 599399 (office hours)

MERCEDES 450SL. Blue. 88,000 miles. FSH. Y reg. but manufactured 1978. £9,850. Tel: (0888) 62069. T.

190E 1985 Met blue. air con. 1 owner. tax Dec. FSH. high spec. Immac. guarantee. £17,950 0883 42653 anytime T

300 SE D reg. Signal red. black velour. alloys. ESR. v.low mileage. £24,950 ono Brandrick Trucks 021 544 5488.

500 SEL 84 April. Blue. Blue velour. ESR. Elec Front Seats. Alloys. 26,000 mls from new. Immac. £23,950. 01 482 3464

280TE Y reg. manual. 1981. 65,000 mls. FSH. green. superb condition. £6,180 ono (0243) 683683 or 01 878 5863

1983. 190E. Choice of two. Silver and blue. Spec. £10,850 Tel: (0888) 62069. T

RHD 600 PULLMANN LWB LIMOUSINE SEPT 1974
Astral Silver paintwork, front seats Beige leather. Rear facing Beige velour. Division, sunroof, cocktail cab. 73,000 mls. Extensively renovated prior to last sale for £63,000 in June 84. New owner called for many more thousands of pounds (Approx £20,000) in restatement to highest possible standard. Last owner only used car for 6 months - Unused since Jan 85. For sale at 1st offer over £45,000
Contact Chris Hook
Gothic House, 3 The Green
Richmond, Surrey
01-940 3648, Telex 928174

BRAND NEW 300SE
Only two weeks old. Metallic paint, abs bracking system, walnut dash. Electric sun roof, electric windows. Back rear headrests. Central arm rests. Radio/cassette. Outside temperature gauge. Alloy wheels. Mats and mud flaps. Cost new £27,400, £26,500
Crowthorne (0344) 779882
Anytime

190E - 1984 B reg. 47,000 miles. Metallic blue. HW/W. E/W. skirts. FSH. £9,800. Tel: (0427) 75500 Sunday after 7pm or weekdays 7.30am-9am.

450 SL 1st reg 1980 manganese brown. 1 owr. 39,000m. FSH. £12,950. 01 624 0884 Day-T.

Ivan Page-Ratcliff
BELGRAVIA LIMOUSINES BASED ON 280/300 E SERIES NOW AVAILABLE FOR EARLY DELIVERY.
MERCEDES BENZ
NEW 560 SEL Nautical Blue, Grey hide, very full spec inc air susp. enm del, tax free or UK. large saving on list
190 E Smoke Silver, 5 speed, ESR R/cass, saving on list ____ £15,950
1985 500 SL Pajet Red, Cream hide, full spec, 13,300m ____ £27,950
1983 500 SEC Ivory, Brazil hide, FSH, 1 owner, 45,000m ____ £21,950
BMW
NEW M635 Black, Cream hide, Recaros, save £5,000 on list £34,950
NEW 325i Convertible met Black, Black leather, auto, many extras, tax free or ____ £23,850
1986 (D) 320i 4 door, White, S/R, R/C, C/lock, White, 9,000m £11,495
JAGUAR
NEW DAIMLER 3.6 Black, Doeskin hide, early delivery £32,950
NEW JAGUAR SOVEREIGN 3.6 Choice of Bordeaux Red, Silver or Westminster ____ £28,950
1987 (D) JAGUAR 3.6 SOV Black, Doeskin, ESR ____ £26,495
Specialist in Tax Free Sales
Windsor 861547, TX 849462

230 E - Auto. "B" reg. 84. Ascot grey. 18,000 miles. Electric sunroof/windows. Alloys. ABS. FSH Excellent condition. £10,450. Tel: 0689 23772

190 E - May 84. Black. manual. 35,000 miles. excellent condition. S/R. Hitachi stereo. £9,000. Available 6 April. Tel: (0765) 4472. Weekends.

'83 MERCEDES 280 TE ESTATE. All extra's included Private number plate - will seperate. Offers £8,700. 041 339 0991 9am-12 midnight.

280 SE, 1985. Diamond Blue. usual refinements plus ABS. 39,000 miles. excellent condition throughout. £15,496 o.n.o. Tel: Ripley (0773) 831471.

MERC 230 E. NEW.
Ascot grey. Automatic. Alloys and other extras. Under list price.
Tel: Day 01-831 9945.
Eves 01-637 9598

MERCEDES 500 SEC
1986, blue with grey velour, bbs wheels, new york stereo, 3,000 miles, as new.
£40,000.
Telephone
0526 52999.

500 SL
3,000 miles, metallic sable and champagne, beige interior, alloy wheels, A B.S., auto gearbox, cruise control, Blaupunkt stereo. As new, enormous saving £30,000
Tel 0638 660055

190E Auto.
White. 1985. B reg. Electric windows. Headlamp wash wipe. Clarion radio cassette. 24,000 miles.
£11,600
Tel: 0223 323686
(office hours)

MERCEDES 500 SL
May 86 finished in Anthracite grey metallic, with manufacturers astral silver hard top, hard and soft top radio cassette, ABS, cruise control, still under manufacturers warranty. 4,150 miles. Superb condition. £33,995
Tel: (0430) 30268

MERCEDES 380 SL
October 1985
Red, automatic, ABS, 12,500 miles, immaculate condition, warranty until November '87.
£28,750
Tel: Ascot 27501

380 SE
1985, B Reg. Petrol blue, elec sunroof, cruise control, cream leather interior. Alloy wheels, radio/cass, elec windows, remote control alarm. Pristine condition.
£16,500 ONO.
Tel: 0279 816639.

380 SEL
Dark blue with matching leather trim. Absolutely unmarked, stainless steel wheel arches. Must be seen.
£15,995.
Tel: 0455 291202.

Continued on next page

MOTORS LEASING

If we promised you any new car you wanted with all maintenance and repairs taken care of–for less, nett, than the cost of leasing...wouldn't you be interested?

We can!

Concord Contracts plc
NATIONAL CONTRACT HIRE
FREEPHONE 0800 616121 TELEX 665726

JEFFERSON CARR CONTRACT HIRE

Vauxhall Astra 1.3 L	£139.70 p.m
Ford Escort 1.3 L	£132.16 p.m
Rover 213	£150.37 p.m
Sierra Sapphire 1.6 L	£152.40 p.m
Montego 1.6L	£162.73 p.m
Peugeot 305 GTi	£182.95 p.m
Carlton 1.8 GLi	£239.58 p.m
Rover 820 E	£273.29 p.m
Saab 900 Turbo	£349.48 p.m

The above figures are based on 3 years 10,000 miles per annum with a 6+ 35 payment plan for business users only.
Jeffersons Hot Line
0784 63237
Roger Thorneycroft or Richard Scott
Jeffersons Car Centre
London Road, Staines Middx

MASTERLEASE (UK) LTD
We can supply any car, Van or commercial vehicle on lease or contract hire
We can include any or all of the following
★ All Maintenance & Mechanical repairs ★
★ Fully comprehensive insurance ★
★ Road fund licence ★
★ AA Business relay ★
★ On site valet service ★
★ Medical insurance ★
★ Early termination without penalty ★
★ Your present vehicle purchased for cash ★
We offer the most comprehensive service available, whether it be for one vehicle or a large fleet
Telephone for quotes 0384 401301
Office Hrs
TELEX 33198 (PENENT)

QUICKER CHEAPER

National Breakdown is the first of the big three motoring organisations to utilise the speed of British Telecom's LinkLine especially for emergency calls.

Which means members can now call

ONCE AGAIN WE GOT THERE FIRST.

for assistance from any telephone in the United Kingdom – however remote, twenty four hours a day, ABSOLUTELY FREE.

What's more, LinkLine by-passes the operator, so calls get through much quicker.

And the quicker the calls get through, the quicker our computerised control centre can respond. Sending help on its way within minutes, through our nationwide network of over 1500 approved garage agents. Who are on call round the clock, 365 days a year.

If you've had a major breakdown we guarantee to get you and up to five passengers home, or on to your intended destination. And then your vehicle will be taken to a nearby garage for repair.

National Breakdown's Recovery Scheme costs *just £16.50* and it's just one* of three schemes designed to keep today's motorist on the road.

Why don't you join over 350,000 such motorists, who put their trust in National Breakdown all year round.

Now that we have British Telecom's most advanced communications network, you can be sure of an even more efficient link with Britain's largest independent *motoring organisation.*

Send for your free information pack, or pick up a leaflet at any NCP car park today.

*Plus a 'once only' enrolment fee of £3.00 for new members, waived if you join by direct debit.

National Breakdown, FREEPOST 8, London W1E 1UZ

FREE INFORMATION PACK

You may also ring 0274 671299 for your free information pack. Just ask for Dept 3 and quote reference A3751

DON'T WAIT

For complete peace of mind send off this coupon today. No stamp needed. To: National Breakdown, FREEPOST 8, London W1E 1UZ. Please send me my free information pack NOW.

NAME ____
ADDRESS ____
____
TOWN ____
COUNTY ____ POSTCODE ____

OR JOIN NOW SIMPLY PHONE 0274 671299
And quote your Access or Visa number together with reference A3751

ALWAYS ON CALL

NATIONAL BREAKDOWN
BRITAIN'S LARGEST INDEPENDENT MOTORING ORGANISATION

هكذا من الأصل

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

WARRINGTON & RUNCORN FINANCE

DEVELOPMENT/VENTURE CAPITAL

Whatever your requirement, if you are seeking to acquire development/venture capital you *will most certainly need to engage* the services of a company who are active in this field.

Warrington & Runcorn Finance, amongst other areas of finance such as management buy-outs, specalises in raising development/venture capital. Our sources of finance range from Clearing/Merchant Bankers through to City Institutional Investors and as such we are able to raise sums from as little as £20,000 to well in excess of £5m. To discuss your requirements contact us on:

0745 823393 or write to us at

Warrington & Runcorn Finance
Cressington Buildings, Bridge Street,
Abergele, North Wales LL22 7HA

TOPLIX *envelope company*

DL WHITE SELF SEAL 110 x 220mm
5,000 @ £10.79
10,000 @ £10.25
per 1,000 + VAT
Security Printed Interiors

C5 WHITE MAILING WALLET 162 x 229mm
5,000 @ £13.89
10,000 @ £13.19
per 1,000 + VAT

DL MANILLA 110 x 220mm
5,000 @ £7.55
10,000 @ £7.29
per 1,000 + VAT

C4 MANILLA GUMMED 12¾" x 9"
5,000 @ £19.95
10,000 @ £19.39
per 1,000 + VAT

OVERPRINTING From £4.25 per 1,000

159 High Street
Poole, Dorset
BH15 1AU

ENVELOPES

- ★ 34 regular sizes gummed & self seal, window & plain. Thick & thin.
- ★ Millions of 'em for busy offices or mass mailing.
- ★ The more you order, the lower the price!
- ★ One of the largest distributors of envelopes in the South.

Send for FREE samples and full price list.

Tel: (0202) 684685

WE MEAN BUSINESS - DO YOU?

Monitor Autocall is a new company with exciting products which uniquely apply visual communication to the management of customers and staff in hotels, restaurants, leisure complexes, retailing and associated fields.

We are expanding rapidly and are seeking to set up exclusive dealerships with companies of calibre throughout the U.K. and Eire.

We offer top product training and full technical back-up.

We are seeking established companies supplying the Hotel, Catering and leisure industries and similar fields, or those capable of diversifying into these areas.

You must be ready to divert part of your skills, highly professional sales force to concentrate exclusively on our unique British invented, designed and built products, and have the resources to undertake the neccessary installation and maintenance work.

If you would like to earn well above the average profit margin on a unique range of products, which have sales potential in every high street.....

Then we would like to talk to you.

Contact, Trade Sales Director,
Monitor Autocall
Unit 2, 13 Distillery Road
London W6 9SE.

VODAPHONE OR CELLNET

Be in when you're out
with the cellular telephone

FROM LESS THAN A POUND A DAY

fitted and connected, full after-sales service, portable and in-car phones, etc
True cost no hidden expense

Please telephone:

01 552 4411

New Launch AnnouncemenT

106% BONUS ALLOCATION

The LMB World Select Fund will be launched in conjunction with two major financial institutions, Clerical Medical and Fidelity International on 8th May.

Early founder investors will receive up to 106% special pre-launch bonus allocation.

The fund will benefit from:—

- ★ **Active day to day monitoring.**
- ★ **Professional investment management and expertise.**
- ★ **International spread of investments.**

For further details and application form, please contact:—

LOH MORRIS BORST LTD
15 Doughty Street London WC1N 2PL
Telephone 01-242 4042

FIMBRA

ITT FACSIMILE

A major new range of fax from one of the worlds leading telecommunications companies is about to be launched.

Applications for dealerships are invited for this ground floor opportunity.

Excellent financial package, full backup and Nationwide technical support.

Contact: Sandra Adams on 0268 710328

OPENING A BOOKSHOP?

For new or experienced booksellers: A short cut to your opening stock. From 25,000 titles with £16 Million sales we can select any stock value and subject mix you require.

CONTACT HAMMICK'S WHOLESALE

We allow 10% returns, 60 days credit, + full consultancy service and backup from the UK's most sophisticated book wholesalers.

For details telephone:

Simon Skinner: 0276 686286

THE SUPERIOR PACKAGE

A4 FULL COLOUR
PROMOTIONAL LEAFLETS
— FROM —

£160

INTERESTED?

For a SUPERIOR DEAL contact JANE to send details and our price guide on

0225 704311

SUPERIOR GROUP
DESIGNERS ● PHOTOGRAPHERS
■ COLOUR PRINTERS
Hercules Way Melksham Wilts SN12 6TJ

A BUSINESS ADVISOR / MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Our Network of Associates are advising clients who are establishing or expanding businesses.

We have a team of specialists to help with the most difficult cases and cover all the disciplines required.

If you have £8,500 capital available, commercial experience, professional integrity and the confidence to forward plan accurately and are looking to build your own consultancy practice within our network.

Write with C.V to:

CHRIS WALLER
ASSOCIATED BUSINESS MANAGEMENT LTD
17, Heath Drive, Sutton, Surrey. SM2 5RP
TEL : 01-642-2297

AGENTS REQUIRED

U.K. distributors of Culpeper, Gregory Oils and A.R.F.A. shaving accessories are looking for agents to cover the following counties:-

1) Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambs, Northants, Leics.
2) Derbys, Notts, Humberside, Yorks, Lincs.

Managing Director, Triguard Ltd,
Bridge Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 2QR
Tel: 0276 26482/3

EUROTEK LTD

Electrical and Electronic Contractors
Industrial, Commercial and Domestic, Wiring, Refridgeration, Heating and Emergency Management Systems
24 hour emergency service
01-698 1184/01-697 8367
Mobile car phone 0836 225216

ARE YOU IN CEMENT PRODUCTS?

Expansion capital available for company currently making pre-tax profits in excess of £50k. In first instance write with brief details quoting ref:

Cement Products.
Investment Management Suisse Ltd.
36 Albemarle Street, London, W1X 3FB.

BUSINESS FOR SALE

FOR SALE

ELECTRO PLATING BUSINESS

Fully equipped, modern freehold factory in West London. 10,500 sq ft.
Enquiries to BOX J60.

The Chartered Institute of Bankers

Royal Charter 1987

POST EXPERIENCE COURSE PROGRAMME

Banks and the New Insolvency Regime
April 26-29 1987

This three-day residential course run jointly with the City University will give an overview of the profound and far reaching changes to the law of individual and corporate insolvency introduced by the Insolvency Act 1986; and explain the legal and practical effects of the new insolvency regime on banks in relation to their customers and their securities.

Computer Audit and Security for Bankers
May 11-15 1987

A one-week non-residential course held in London to explain in detail the security and control techniques used in a computerised banking environment; to provide auditors with a clear understanding of the various techniques and approaches used in the identification, evaluation and checking of computer installation and system controls; and to provide those engaged in the audit of banks with a comprehensive introduction to the risks associated with modern computerised banking systems.

Auditing in an Advanced Computer Environment
May 11-15 1987

A course running concurrently with Computer Audit and Security for Bankers to provide an extension in training for more experienced computer auditors (internal or external) requiring further insight into the more technical aspects of their roles.

Advance Notice
Big Bang — One Year and Beyond
October 27 1987

A one-day Seminar run jointly with the City University *Business School at the Barbican Centre* on the first anniversary of "Big Bang" to review the past year and to discuss the way forward.

For further details on all the above courses contact:
Miss Mary Lewis, Assistant Secretary,
Post Experience Courses,
The Chartered Institute of Bankers,
10 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AS 01-623 3531

ABLE AND DETERMINED?

Speak well, age 23-50 and need £600 per week? Telephone me today if you can start on March 30th or April 3rd, offices near Kings Cross. Work is during week day office hours only.

Telephone Robert Brown
01-833 8155 or 01-837 4758

SHEET METAL BUSINESS MIDLANDS

T/o £200,000, long established partnership, excellent site location. Partners contemplating retirement.

Reply to BOX L64

MODERN SLIMMING & BEAUTY CENTRE

IN PRIME LOCATION LONDON W8

Fully equipped Gym & latest Slimming Machines.
Offers Circa £50,000
Contact:
ANGLO AMERICAN ESTATES LTD
01-499-4554

TORQUAY HOLIDAY FLATS

10 self-contained flats and superb new owners wing with 3 double beds, 1 ensuite. Excellent position with all year trade producing approx £23,000.

FREEHOLD £178,000
For details phone 0803 24913

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

For sale successful manufacturer of Fancy Goods / Pine kitchen Products etc. St Helens,Lancs. Wishes to sell complete business to include 3,500 sq ft F/hold.

Full order book currently employing 18 persons. Price to include pleasant 3 bedroom semi.

Owner emmigrating.

Absolute bargain at £185,000
BOX L61

ASCOT SNACK BAR

SUNNING HILL HIGH ST

Freehold with living accommodation. Equipment furniture etc. Vacant possession. Ideal Bistro. Unique opportunity.

£185,000 Freehold.
Tel Lawrence
0990-24810 / 26125 Eves.

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Re-building foundation confidence

By Ian A Jack

Lilian Marshall is one of the fashion world's problem solvers. In her case the cheerful 53-year-old former corsetier from Pontefract, Yorkshire, is fast building a reputation for restoring her clients' belief not only in clever design but in life itself.

Mrs Marshall's company, Sarahlyan of Washington, Tyne and Wear, specializes in helping women who have gone through the trauma of a mastectomy operation and who find their fashion requirements have been radically changed.

Her aim is to give back both appearance and confidence. "Lack of confidence is the main problem", she explains. "We aim to restore confidence among the women we help."

The prescription, first tried five years ago in a shop she opened in Ashington, Northumberland, along with partner Jessie Houston, was to market swimwear and sunsuits that mastectomy case women would find both attractive and practical.

"There was little on the market at that time", Lillian recalls. "I went to a number of manufacturers but they were just not interested except in orders for hundreds and thousands."

The solution was to use the designs of Sara Thrale, a freelance based in Watford, and employ a group of homeworkers to make them up.

A year in Ashington was enough to convince them that the need was there so Sarahlkyan moved to city centre premises in Newcastle upon Tyne, where Jessie ran the showroom and Lilian set up touring exhibitions and organized fashion shows.

They also dipped their toe into the mail order market with a first tentative leaflet.

Newcastle may have been right as a focal point to draw in more customers but rates and rent in the city proved too costly for a specialist-market business. "We had established the need for our designs", says Lillian, "but mastectomy cases number only one in 11 women, so naturally we were limited. It was a hard slog."

Lillian Marshall: a brighter future

The latest move is to a modern design workshop at Washington where design, manufacture and marketing of an expanded range go hand-in-hand with two years freedom from rent and a year without rates. Jessie has retired and Lilian now has a team of nine which includes Julie Broughton, a young designer from the renowned Newcastle Polytechnic Fashion School.

To raise fresh capital for new developments Lilian has mortgaged her home and from that source and British Coal Enterprise she has raised £25,000. A regional development grant has provided another £16,000. She also has praise for the help from her NatWest bank branch and a manager interested enough to call in for a chat and a tour of the workshop.

● **Contact: Sarahlyan Fashion, 6 Phoenix Road, Crowther District 3, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 0ED. (Tel: 091 416 2459**

'Manifesto' for the election

By Teresa Poole

Hard on the heels of the Budget and with election fever mounting, the National Federation of Self Employed and Small Businesses this week launched a "manifesto" of policies it would like the next Government to support.

All the major political parties seem keen to encourage job creation through expansion of the small business sector, so the NFSE, which has 45,000 members, has concentrated on outlining a number of specific proposals on small business matters and also addressing wider policy issues.

The proposed measures include:

- ● Tax changes to enable unincorporated businesses to retain more of their profits before tax for future use in those businesses and to encourage extra funds for expanding businesses. Although one of the main planks of the NFSE's budget proposals, these arguments have so far failed to convince the present government
- ● The integration of payments and calculations of National Insurance and PAYE to reduce the administrative burden
- ●The Enterprise and Deregulation Unit should be promoted within a new Department of Enterprise which would vet new legislation for unecessary burdens to business
- ● Employers should be allowed a discount on taxes for prompt payment — (the Government might be more impressed by suggestions of penalities for late payers)
- ● A Human Rights Bill to recognize the just grievances of self-employed individuals and employers
- ● A new form of incorporation for smaller businesses with drastically slimmed Companies Acts applying to small businesses
- ● More effort should be made to introduce effective competition when future privatizations and stock market flotations are planned of public utilities

FRIDAY BRIEFING

■ A free, one-day seminar to help exporters sell more effectively and profitably in overseas markets is being held on April 8 at the Inn On The Avenue, in Cardiff. British exporters lose £100 million a year bringing money in from abroad, and another £70 million through mistakes in letter of credit documentation. A series of speakers, organized by Exfinco, the export finance specialists, will talk on developments in payment procedures, short-term finance and foreign exchange protection, and product liability — a growing risk, particularly when selling to the US. Representatives from the British Overseas Trade Board and the Export Credits Guarantee Department will be on hand to answer queries.

● *Details from Exfinco, Exfinco House, Sanford Street, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN1 1QQ. 0793 616333.*

■ A one-day conference on the future of small business policy will be held on June 18 by Graham Bannock & Partners in association with the David Hume Institute and the Anglo-German Foundation. Government and Shadow ministers will address the conference together with representatives of the unions, small and large firms, the City and independent observers. It will seek to clarify the attitutes of the main political parties towards small business proprietors and to review new research results on VAT and employment in small firms in Britain and Germany. The registration fee is £170 + VAT (£150 + VAT if booked before April 16) and will be fully refundable if a June election means that the event is postponed.

● *Conference Connections, Suite One St Johns, South Parade, Bath BA2 4AF. 0225 60771)*

MR FRIDAY

MEGA INDUSTRIES VENTURE CAPITAL FUND
MEGA INDS
KenPyne
Friday PLC

"If I was 'risk shy' I wouldn't have started my own business, would I?"

FOR SALE MENSWEAR BUSINESS

PRIME MAYFAIR

Contact:
Andrew Salter
IAN SCOTT & COMPANY
20 Berkeley Street,
Berkeley Square,
London W1X 5AE
Telex: 298927
Fax: 01-409 3312
Tel: 01-493 9911

FINDERS

SELLING?
- We'll find you a buyer.
BUYING?
- Tell us what you are looking for -
This service is free.
CONTACTS: Home/Abroad
FINDERS, 127 Temple St
SIDMOUTH
(03955)-78759

FREEHOLD high street shop Hampton Hill, vacant possession, single storey building with basement. Sales area 500 sq ft. £89,000. Tel: 0932 761245.

UNIQUE SHOP SOUTH COAST

Most attractive thatched historic building in town centre. Generous character, acc with 3 beds and 3 rec. Highly profitable business developed over 70 years by one family. Perfectly suited for expansion into gift trade franchising. Low outgoings, leasehold £145,090. Reply to BOX L08.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

GET INTO THE MOST UNIQUE BUSINESS IN THE WORLD.

Start from your home on a full or part time basis. Print in full colour not only on paper but on clothes, metals, acrylics, mylars, etc.

CASE EQUIPMENT, INC.
Route 4 Turner
Maine 04282 U.S.A.
Telex: 998479 CASE ME.
Telephone: (207) 225-2806

WANTED people who want to earn a full time income working part time from home. Telephone 01-361 5797.

HOW BIG A BUSINESS COULD YOU RUN?

Dyno-Rod, Britain's foremost name in franchising, can now offer more flexible opportunities than ever. Our Territorial Franchise lets you pick an area appropriate to the size of your investment and your ambition. Giving you your own business, with your own employees, and with enormous growth potential. We'll supply marketing assistance, advertising, plus all the training and sophisticated equipment you'll need to become a highly skilled professional. You supply a determination to succeed and a typical investment of £50,000 (max) for a three van exclusive franchise. [70% finance available.] Interested? Then write or call Peter Williams, Dyno-Rod plc., 143 Maple Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4BJ. Tel: 01-549 9467 (Mon-Fri).

DYNO·ROD 1st

LADY REMINGTON FASHION JEWELLERY

Requires attractive hardworking entrepreneurs with an investment of £8,500. First years earnings will yield in excess of £90,000. If you have the potential then ring me on:

027 875 588
for immediate attention.

FULHAM RESTAURANT/ BES

Upto £30,000 new Capital required for expansion by existing BES qualifying business. Asset backing 70%. For tax Relief by 5th April 1987 & an investment you can relate to telephone:

Mark Milton
785 9151

CLEAN UP WITH US

Low overheads, high returns. Just how a good business should be run. Could you run a business for us. For details and area

Cardiff (0222) 471215
ask for Mr. Wilson

PROVEN BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Good return on investment. Capital required £3,000. Good cash flow business.

Telephone:
0582 490129

GOLD EXPORTER for West Africa with Government Licence seeks additional business. Reply to BOX L37

BUILD A fortune while you sleep. No selling. No stock. No paperwork. For details phone 09636 8898.

SPARE TIME BUSINESS

with a full time income. 10 hrs a month - no selling - no competition - capital required £7,000.

Ring Mr. Green
01-302 8311
or write
Prospectglen Ltd.,
Prospect Hse,
High Street,
Footscray,
Kent DA14 5HN

FOOLS RUSH IN

to businesses which promise much but deliver little.

Wise people ask us for free information of the best business opportunity available. No skills; no premises; no stocks; no selling; huge profits; repeat orders; full/part time; loads of back-up. We will guide you to success.

Send 18p stamp to
PSL, 113 High Street,
Bedford, MK40 1SG.

EXPERIENCED INTERIOR DESIGNER

needed to join well established decorating company which is moving to new shop in Pimlico Road to work on a self-employed basis.

Telephone
01-730 9137
or 3984
9.30-6.00
Monday to Friday

WHEN YOU ARE YOUR OWN BOSS

the only orders you'll take are for more business. We are opening an employment agency covering the whole spectrum of employment in each county. If you have confidence to run one then send C.V. to

Management Selection Services,
38 Princes Way,
Fleetwood, Lanc
Telephone 03917 4943

ATTENTION MARKETING MANAGERS

of holiday related products e.g. Sun tan lotions, camera film, sunglasses, holiday medicines, travel accessories etc. Holiday car hire co offers a great back pack offer which comes entirely free to yourselves and helps sell your products.

Tel: Mr. Clarke
01-734 4747

OLD ESTABLISHED ENGINEERING COMPANY

with well established market outlets for domestic, gardening and motoring products and accessories seek to acquire further currently viable products in these fields that we can manufacture and market on outright purchase or royalty terms. Reply in first instance quoting reference TTR to

Mills, McKown, Hutchinson,
Chartered Accountants,
85 Union Street,
Oldham, Lancashire,
OL1 1PF

EARLY RETIREMENT INVESTMENT?

Progressive engineering company in High Wycombe seeks an enthusiastic accountant to assist further expansion. Established 1976, profitable, interesting products, t/o £700,000 pa and rising. Directorship and shareholdings in return for investment in the region of £50,000. Excellent opportunity.

Reply to BOX L50

INVESTMENT

opportunity in high tech company based in SW and London. Mammoth opportunity.

Reply to BOX E92.

LOANS & INVESTMENT

IMMEDIATE FUNDS

From
£10,000 - £5,000,000

Available for the purchase of your business in any condition.

★ Any size considered ★
★ Strictest Confidence Guaranteed ★
★ Immediate Decision ★

Write with details to BOX L58

DOES YOUR COMPANY need money for expansion? Do you want to invest in industry? Do you have a good financial proposition? Then contact Capital House 01-965 4455.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Accountancy and Book-keeping problems?

Please CAMERON ACCOUNTANCY and we will help you

Annual accounts, taxation/ business advice P.A.Y.E./Payroll VAT returns, exemption certificates. Tax returns. Book-keeping. Word processing, telex and telephone answering service also available.

Tel: 01-222 8866, Ext. 2214/2213

CAR BUYERS' GUIDE

MERCEDES

560 SEL

White, beige leather, total spec including in-car video, compact disc & stereo radio cassette, under 600 miles
£48,000 tax-free in Guernsey
Tel: 0481 710989
after 5 pm

450 SL 1980 Private reg Signal red, beige trim, alloys, cruise, HLWW, R/Seat, R/Cass, alarm, 53,000 miles, service history. VGC. £13,500. 01 500 8718.

NEW MERCEDES UK supplied, most Models for immediate delivery. 061 832 5167 Hamley

MERCEDES WANTED

LONDON ROAD GARAGE (ROMFORD) LTD

Mercedes Benz main dealers.
Underwriters for late and low mileage Mercedes.
CONTACT
MIKE DUNFORD
ON 0708 23511
AFTER 7PM
0245 442172

DUNNS OF EXETER Urgently require late, low mileage Mercedes Benz 0392 77311

INTERNATIONAL CARS OF CHESTERFIELD. Mercedes Benz main dealers, require all models, low mileage & history. Phone J Corton 0246 208771

PERFORMANCE CARS

XR3i C reg. White/matching interior. Full body kit, low mileage, s/roof, quadrophonic stereo, alarms, extras £6,600 ONO Tel: 01 558 1572 after 5-30pm

ESPRIT TURBO 1986, white, blue leather, 7,000 miles, 1 owner, sunroof, £16,950 for quick sale. Tel. 0634 30831.

RS COSWORTH

9 Brand new in choice of colours
051 922 0070 (T).
WE WILL DELIVER

FERRARI MONDIAL 3.2

1986D, 1,400 miles only, Rosso Red, Magnolia interior, sunroof, totally as new, £39,500.
PETER SMITH SPORTS CARS LTD
Station Road, Hatton, Derby
Tel: 0283 813593

TOYOTA SUPRA CELICA 2 8i. A registered 5 speed. Electric roof, windows. Air conditioning Etc. Red. One owner. HP/PX poss. £5,950, ono. Tel: 01-530 3451, or 01-989 8256 (between 10.30 am and 4.30 pm) or evenings: 01-550 5916.

LOTUS Esprit Turbo C reg. Essex blue. 13,000 miles, full leather, air cond. s/roof. FSH. Lotus warranty. Immaculate. £18,100 ono Tel: 0622 54114 (Home) or 0622 686919 (Off).

FERRARI 308 GT4. Red. 1977. 23,000 miles. Sunroof. Stereo Immaculate cond UK tax to be paid. Must be seen. £11,950 Tel: Jersey 0534 44569

FERRARI or 911 Targa wanted. Cash + 85 B TWR XJS V12 0583 725222.T.

LOTUS CARS. For the best nationwide cash buyers Phone Lotus Norfolk 0603 407766

TVR 390 SE 85 B. Immaculate. 10,000 miles only. F.S.H. £14,250. Tel. 01 346 0260.

FIAT ABARTH 1984 (Dec). Red. 14,000 mls. Lady owner 122 max 0-60 7.8 secs. New tyres. £6,500. Tel: 0344 420640

ISUZU PIAZZA Turbo Sept 86 D Reg 4,000 mls Full spec Polar White with Oyster int 1 owner. £7,850 Tel: 0753 30967 T

COSWORTH SIERRA'S in stock, colour choice. Ford range at best discounts. 01 938 1393 T.

D REG RS Cosworth Sierra White. 6,000 miles. £14,960 Tel: (0888) 62069. T.

TOYOTA

Sales. Service. Parts
See the exciting new range at
HASSOP MOTOR CO
291-295 Willesden Lane
Willesden Green, NW2
01-459 0005
Open daily till 7pm Sunday 10-2

KAT: Unique converted XR3, factory fitted sunroof, e/windows, c/locking, Bose stereo, 0-60 in 8 secs. top speed 140 MPH. £4,600. Tel: 01-661 6100

FORD CAPRI 2.8i 1984 A 32,000 m. FSH. warranty, new tyres, alarm. £4,950 for immediate sale. Tel. 01 359 8296.

MR2: 1985 (B), red. 28,000 miles, fully maintained, remote alarm, truly excellent. £7,500 Tel 0474 873857.

SIERRA Cosworth. Finished in black, registered March 87. 380 miles £16,500. Call Max 0278 426665 T.

DELIVERY mileage Nissan 300ZX Targa Coupe 5 spd Black 3 year manufacturer's warranty. Save around £3,000 on list price. £13,995. Tel. 061-725 5309/1299. T

FERRARI 308 GTSi 81 'X' Red, Magnolia leather, 42,000 mls FSH. Sports exhaust. Rear aerofoil. 11 mths warranty. Regrettable sale due to ban. £22,750. 04243 5592 Home

RS 1600 Turbo, white with grey upholstery, full custom spec + recaro seats, registered September 86. 6,000 miles. Company Director's car. £9,250 ono. Tel 0727 33910.

LOTUS Esprit Turbo, red, Feb 86, only 4,000 mls, Blaupunkt stereo/cass. absolute mint condition. £20,500 Birth of child forces sale Tel 099289 3116.

MAZDA RX7. 1983 Y reg. 26,000 miles, excellent cond, sunroof, alloys, radio cassette, electric windows, metallic gold. £5,450 01-693 9974. T

RENAULT 5 TURBO 2 (mid engine) red, cloth trim, elec window, stereo, private reg. £10,500 ono. Tel Day/bus 01 688 9643. Ask for Rob.

B.M.W. WANTED

BMW'S Instant valuations nationwide. Call John Davies now on 0452 23436 T.

WANTED 320i C Reg. Low mileage. High spec. 0533 858584 off. Sutton Elms 285741 Eves

BMW AUTHORISED DEALERS

BMW ALPINA B9

1984 'B'. Finished in Henna Red, Alpina upholstery with sports seats, electric windows, electric sunroof & central locking. Stereo radio cassette. 4 spd automatic transmission. ABS. Alpina alloy wheels & spoilers. 35,000 mls. FSH. 1 owner. 1 yr BMW approved used car warranty included. POA

John Rutherford & Sons
The Station Garage
Cornhill-on-Tweed
0890 2146/7/8

BMW M635, cherished plate, Sapphire blue/dark blue hide, air conditioning. Hi-fi. recorded mileage 13812. FSH. (1.8.85) £P.O.A. Wyndham BMW, Cardiff. 0222 597070 T

B.M.W.

87 NEW MODEL 735 SE. Leather. Full spec. Immediate delivery. Delivery mileage. £38,950. Tel: 0860 525720

735 SE 1982 Saphire 45,000mls. Directors. FSH. Immaculate. £8,200. Tel 01 800 4115. (office hours)

84 B 325i Henna red, 5 speed gearbox. ESR. Central locking. alloys. 4 new tyres. 45,000 mls. £8,995. PX poss. 035 283 527.

316 1986 C Reg. 4 door, as new. 6,000 mls. Bronze, many extras. £8,250. 01 602 6374 (H), 602 8594 (O).

323i / 4 door 85 C. 6,000 miles. Most extras including PAS, alloys and air cond. £9,995 ono. Tel (0795) 521734.

728i A EH SE. Nov '86. Cosmos blue. 16,000 mls. 1 owner. Immac. Blaupunkt rad/cass. £14,750. Tel. 0304 824219.

BMW 323i 1983, red, black interior, all conceivable extras, including alloys, electric windows and roof, central locking, superb stereo etc. low mileage. Immaculate condition. 12 months MoT. £5,995. Tel: office (0702) 342233, home (0702) 77434.

BMW 635 CSia

Feb 82,
Opel/Black Leather,
Sunroof, A.C.,
Immaculate, FSH,
31,000 miles. £12,500.
Tel: 01-794 6815.

325i

convertible. March 87. Metalic black with black int. Pioneer Radio casetta. Alloys. ABS. As new. 700 miles.
£22,500
Tel: (0535) 664693

ALPINA B10 535 - March 86. 16,000 miles. Agate Green. Electric Sun Roof. Windows and Locks. Computer. ABS. Alpina Sports Seats and Trim. Immaculate. P O A. (Office) 01-675 0319 (Home) 04382 4816.

528i auto. Green, matching green interior. September 1982. 1 owner, unmarked condition, regular service, private sale. Higher mileage hence £3,250 Broughton, Hampshire. 0794 301267.

323i B reg. Graphite metallic/Anthracite. 22,000 mls. FSH. lux pack. ESR. E/W. headrest. LSD. PAS. alloys, front fogs. Rad/cass. Beautiful condition. £9,900. Tel: 0202 746031 office. 0202 631366 home.

635i March 1984, special equipment, air conditioning, ABS braking, sunroof, alloy wheels, 36,000 miles, blue, FSH, good condition. A bargain at £10,250. Daytime 01 986 4811 or Eves/WE 01 882 8049.

528i silver, B reg, 1 owner, FSH, ESR, EW, PAS, alloys, cruise, computer, hi-fi, other extras. Director's car, excellent value. £8,950 ono. Car phone fitted, option available. Tel R Mason 021 364 4115 or 021 356 2603

BMW 323i - 1985, power steering, E/windows, e/sunroof, c/locking, radio/stereo. Just serviced. F/S/H. £9,250. Tel. (0249) 720602.

BMW 325i's

With all options inc leather, *air cond, pwr steering, etc*
2 door £14,695
4 door £14,975
Cabriolet £17,350
(early delivery)
Save over £4,500 on UK cost
0335 23202 (T)

NEW BMW 325i UNWANTED GIFT!

Extras include: A.B.S. braking, auto sport/economy, power steering, computer, central locking, electric windows front & rear, 4-way stereo, metallic grey, alloy wheels, wash/wipe headlamps. 30 delivery miles only. £18,000 ono. (Manufacturers price £21,000). Tel: 0304 641241/212580 Dover

320i - 4 door 5 speed. Sunroof Metallic green. September 85 C reg. 20,000 miles. Directors car. Immaculate cond. FSH. £8,960. Tel: 01 993 1105 or 01 370 1596 (working hours).

325i M - October 85 (C). White. ABS. LSD. ESR. EW. CL. Recaros. Alloys. Blaupunkt. 1 owner. 16,000 miles. FSH £13,995. Tel: 01 984 7877 (Harrow)

M535i 85, C reg. white, blue leather, colour coded. ESR. 27,000 miles, 1 owner, full history. £15,800. Tel 0483 504250 eves/w/ends or 0932 788699 during day.

525 E B reg. met bronze. 28,750 miles, 1 owner. FSH, most extras inc A/c. c/L. Blaupunkt. computer. FEW. wider wheels etc. £8,100. 0245 256816.

323i (84) B. auto. P.A.S. air cond. alloys, met silver. F.S.H. good cond. £8,490. Tel: 0565 50926 or 0836 606222 anytime.

318i 4 dr. 1984A. Burgundy, alloys, auto, pas, sunroof, 30,000 mls, lovely. £7,495. 0276 66257 or 0486 54366 T

316 1986 Black. 4 door. S/roof. Blaupunkt system. 33,000 mls. Superb. £6,300. 01 680 4732

323i Auto. 1985. 18,000 m. ESR. E/W. Alloys. £9,950. 01 624 7288 (H) 01 377 0055 X 2066 (W).

325i SE

'C' reg. Automatic. Metallic blue with leather interior. 6,000 miles only. 1 owner from new. Full special equipment including alloy wheels, sunroof and on-board computer. Full service history.
£16,750
Tel: 01-589 5452

735i A Special equipment. C Reg. November 85, Bronze, 13,000 miles. Immaculate condition. £20,000 Tel: 0733-262678

320i - 'B' reg. Opal met. R/C. Heated locks/mirrors. FSH. 26,000 mls. 1 owner. Immac. £6,900. (Esher) 0372 68724

735i SE Registered October 85 25,000 miles. Sable with cloth interior, all extras. £17,800 ovno. Tel: 0706 734942.

520i 4 speed automatic, B registration, white with blue interior. Panasonic 4 speaker stereo. FSH. Immaculate. £6,800. Tel: 0727 67384.

323i 1985, B reg, black, electric windows, sunroof, alloys, spoilers, leather trim. 20,000 miles. FSH. Immaculate. £9,500. Tel: 0753 653190 / 0753 655049.

323i C reg. 4 door. Metallic black. High sport and luxury specification. 13,500 miles. Service history. Condition excellent. £13,995. Tel. 0734 800066.

NEW BMW'S - All models to order. 325i's/635s early delivery. Lge discounts. 0227-793010 (T)

318 1986 White, 5 speed, FSH. Excellent condition. £6,790. Tel: 0836 613681.

320 C Reg. low mileage, blue, manual, 5-speed, stereo, very good condition. £8,700. Tel: 01-960 8642.

REGISTRATION NUMBERS

168 KR MR2, £9,950. Pair £1,150. Tel: (0293) 772328.

SED 1 on carefully restored Triumph GT6 1973. Offers around £3,500. Could separate. TEL: (0782) [illegible]

هكذ زمن الإهمل

Law Report March 27 1987

Video games need cinema licences

British Amusement Catering Trades Association and Another v Westminster City Council

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment March 26]

The operation of a video amusement game constituted "an exhibition of moving pictures" for the purposes of the Cinematograph Act 1909, so that, subject to certain exemptions, premises in which such games were operated required to be licensed under the Act.

The court so held dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, British Amusement Catering Trades Association and First Leisure Corporation plc, from the decision of Mr Justice Mervyn Davies ([1985] 1 WLR 840) to grant a declaration that the operation of a video amusement game constituted a cinematograph exhibition.

The defendant to the plaintiffs' originating summons, originally the Greater London Council, was Westminster City Council, the licensing authority for the area in which the second plaintiff's premises were situated.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC and Mr Richard Field for the plaintiffs; Mr David Barker, QC and Mr John Rylance for the council.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the first plaintiff was an association of employers engaged in the amusement catering industry which was the business of operating amusement devices of all kinds in amusement arcades and similar places.

The second plaintiff was the operator of an amusement arcade in which the amusements provided included coin-operated video games. The Greater London Council took the view that a licence was required for the arcade under the Cinematograph Act 1909 on the ground that the video games operated there constituted a cinematograph exhibition.

Video games were games of skill, played with the aid of a screen on which were portrayed the objects or characters of the game which moved about on the screen. Some objects or characters were controlled by the player, the rest by a computer program.

Coin-operated video machines were nowadays commonly found not only in amusement arcades but also in such places as public houses, public rooms of hotels, leisure centres, reception areas of swimming pools, railway waiting rooms, snack bars, cafes and restaurants.

The 1909 Act was amended by the Cinematograph Act 1952, provisions of which indicated that safety was no longer the primary purpose of the 1909 Act and that other factors, which might include the content of the exhibitions, were matters which might be relevant when deciding whether premises should be licensed under the Act.

There was no evidence before the court to suggest that moving pictures displayed in the course of video games were offensive, or in any way harmful to children, but it was conceivable that they might be; and, in so far as the mischief at which the Act as amended was aimed was to safeguard children who might see pictures exhibited, it was equally applicable to pictures exhibited in the course of a video game.

The 1909 Act was further amended by the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act 1982 so that "cinematograph exhibition" meant "any exhibition of moving pictures which is produced otherwise than by the simultaneous reception and exhibition of television programmes . . .".

Since judgment those Acts had been repealed and consolidated by the Cinemas Act 1985. That Act referred to a film exhibition instead of to a cinematograph exhibition which it defined in similar terms.

The plaintiffs' principal contention was that a video game was not an exhibition of moving pictures. It was submitted that there could only be an exhibition where what was shown on the screen had in advance been conceived by its creator as an end in itself: where the function of the viewer was exclusively receptive. Reliance was placed on the use of the word "given" in relation to "exhibition" in a number of provisions of the 1909 Act as amended.

His Lordship knew of no warrant for the proposition that the use of "exhibition" whether or not used in conjunction with "given" required the assumption of a passive recipient of that which was exhibited.

The definition of "exhibition" as including "the action of exhibiting, submitting for inspection, displaying, or holding up to view" exactly fitted what happened to the moving pictures in a video game.

Since the words of the statute were clear there was no scope for the various principles of statutory construction. But, in any event, his Lordship would reject the proposition that, because the Cinema (Safety) Regulations (SI 1955 No 1129) were inept, as they were, to cover amusement arcades and other places where video games were normally located, and because reference was made to such regulations in the 1982 Act, the new definition of "cinematograph exhibition" must be construed to exclude video games.

It was possible, indeed probable, that the draftsman of the 1982 Act, and Parliament when considering it, did not contemplate its application to video games. Nevertheless, where the statutory language was clear, the fact that it might have effects which were not in contemplation when the Act was passed was a matter for the legislature and not the courts.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, dissenting, said that as a matter of plain language it was clear to his Lordship that the operation of a video game was not an exhibition of moving pictures. One could not apply to one thing an expression which described something else, which could not have applied when Parliament first used it and for whose current application no mischief had been shown.

Lord Justice Slade delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Balcombe.

Solicitors: Tarlo Lyons; Mr G. M. Ives.

Payments to council staff invalid

Regina v Greater Manchester Council, Ex parte Greater Manchester Residuary Body

Before Mr Justice Farquharson

[Judgment March 26]

A decision of the policy committee of the Greater Manchester council (GMC) on March 24, 1985 authorizing payment on March 27, 1986 of payments in lieu of notice to redundant staff, subject to undertakings, was *ultra vires* and void because the relevant paragraph of the local severance scheme did not create any right to such payment.

The payments, which were therefore invalid in law, were repayable to the Greater Manchester Residuary Body (GMRB) in which all residuary property rights and liabilities of the GMC were vested after the abolition of the GMC on April 1, 1986.

Mr Justice Farquharson so held in the Queen's Bench Division in judicial review proceedings in granting the GMRB a declaration.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC and Miss Presiley Baxendale for the GMRB; Mr Patrick Elias for the former employees.

MR JUSTICE FARQUHARSON said on February 29, 1984 the GMC resolved that the local conditions of service should be amended so as to include a local severance scheme.

The scheme applied to employees who were redundant, and provided in paragraph 1: "The provisions in paragraphs 3 to 7 are consistent with current policy of the Council when dealing with particular problems or internal reorganization."

Under the heading "Payment in Lieu of Notice", paragraph 4 provided for a payment as defined in regulation 3(iv) of the Local Government (Compensation for Premature Retirement) Regulations (SI 1982 No 1009) calculated by reference to the period of notice to which the employee was entitled under the contract of employment.

By a letter dated March 25, 1986 the GMC's Chief Executive wrote to each of the individuals to whom a payment was made to certify that because of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985 their employment with the GMC would be terminated on March 31, 1986 and that they would be paid up to and including that day.

He stated that in those circumstances each would be redundant as defined in the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 and that "You will not receive any payment in lieu of notice arising of any default in your being given notice."

His Lordship accepted the argument on behalf of the GMRB that the terms of paragraph 4 militated against a new and additional emolument, given the words of paragraph 1. The terms of paragraph 4 provided a top limit for lack of notice, it did not make provision for payments.

Solicitors: Mr P. D. Quick, Manchester; Miss Penelope Grant.

Selectors not liable to be sued

Currie v Barton and Another

The rules of natural justice were not applicable to selectors in amateur sport.

Mr Justice Scott so held in the Chancery Division on March 26 in dismissing an action brought by Mr Ian Currie, a professional lawn tennis player and coach, against Mr Don Barton and Mr Clive Rippon, sued on behalf of the committee of the Essex County Lawn Tennis Association , in respect of a three-year ban on eligibility for selection in county teams.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the authorities on which the plaintiff relied established that the observance of the rules of natural justice, and the obligation to proceed fairly, might be required where an adverse decision would bar a person from some gainful activity, but that where all that could be said was that his reputation might be affected, there was no basis for importing the rules of natural justice.

A selection committee selecting a team, the members of which were to receive no reward but that of honour were not, in his Lordship's judgment, to be constrained by the fetters of the rules of natural justice.

It was to be hoped that the committee would always act fairly. But the members of the committee were not open to be sued by disappointed players.

Judge might have misled jury

Regina v McDonald

Where a judge, in summing up in a case of rape, used words like "the defence, if it is established" [of a man believing that a woman was consenting to sexual intercourse even if she was not] there was a real risk that the jury might conclude that it was for the defendant to demonstrate that there was or might have been a belief in consent.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson (sitting with Mr Justice Drake and Mr Justice Saville) so stated on March 26, giving the reasons of the Court of Appeal for allowing, on March 12, the appeal of Simon McDonald against his conviction on June 9, 1986 at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Rant, QC and a jury) of rape.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in an earlier passage in the summing up the judge had directed the jury that it was for the prosecution to establish the guilt of the appellant, and not for the appellant to prove anything. Nevertheless it was obvious that nothing should be said which might in any way detract from that fundamental principle.

Sentence appeal went to less apt court

Regina v Hayward and Stacey

A case concerning an appeal against sentence in which there was no real issue of law would have been more appropriately brought in the crown court on appeal from the magistrates rather than by way of case stated to the Divisional Court.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Russell and Mr Justice Kennedy) so held on March 25 in dismissing appeals by way of case stated by two defendants, Andrew Symon Stacey and Leroy Dean Hayward, against sentences passed by Brighton Justices on October 23, 1986.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said it could not be said that magistrates had erred in law in sentencing two offenders under 21 years of age of previous good character to four months' detention centre for a burglary of a house in which the value of the goods was approximately £4.

The aggravating features of the case which justified the justices in passing custodial sentences were that the offence took place at the dead of night at a domestic property which was occupied by an woman aged 86 living on her own. The property was entered by breaking a window and the occupant was awakened to find an intruder in her bedroom.

Digger road danger

Wood v Milne

Regulation 97(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (SI 1978 No 1017), which, *inter alia*, required all parts and accessories of a motor vehicle at all times to be such that no danger was caused or likely to be caused to any person on a road, applied to a vehicle which in its manufactured condition was inherently likely to cause danger to a person on a road as well as to vehicles which had become dangerous through defective maintenance.

Therefore a person who drove a mechanical digger on a road with its bucket lowered, so that unguarded two-inch spikes protruded from it, was guilty of an offence under section 40(5) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, which, *inter alia*, made it an offence to use on a road a motor vehicle which did not comply with the 1978 Regulations.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Russell and Mr Justice Otton) so held, on March 16 dismissing an appeal by Mr Mark Barry Wood from his conviction by Uxbridge Justices of driving a Cade 580G mechanical digger on a road in such a condition as was likely to cause danger to a person on the road, contrary to section 40(5) of the 1972 Act and regulation 97(1) of the 1980 Regulations.

Law Society results, page 25

Former world champion helps to launch new squash event

Life resumes at 40 for Hunt

Geoff Hunt, of Australia, who dominated world squash in the late 1970s, winning eight British Open titles and the first four official world championships, starts his first full international tournament for more than five years this week in an attempt to regenerate his competitive career at the age of 40.

Hunt was training in London yesterday in preparation for his wild-card entry into the Cannons Club international championship, a new tournament promoted by Telecourt Ltd, with sponsorship from *The Economist* magazine, to exploit the arrival of the world's top players for the British Open, which starts the day after the Cannons April 3 final.

"We intend this tournament to be a permanent international fixture," Ian Robinson, one of the promoters, said. "In time we hope it will become to the British Open what Queen's is to Wimbledon in tennis."

The Cannons Club international provides Hunt with his first real opportunity to test himself in the modern game. A stress fracture in a lower vertebra took him out of the game early in 1982 and a new surgical-fusion technique has allowed him to contemplate a return. He lost in the qualifying rounds of the Spanish and French open championships recently, but he appears to be confident that direct entry this time to Sunday's first round, in which he will meet Paul Symonds, of South Africa, is an easier starting point.

"The major change in the game over the past five years is the depth of talent," Hunt said. "Qualifying rounds now are like another full tournament before the first round."

There are many who believe the Australian will find at Cannons Club other changes likely to frustrate his ambitions of winning a ninth British Open title within the three years he has allocated to his revival.

Most marked is the fact that every round of the Cannons Club International will be played on the all-transparent glass court installed permanently at the London club by Telecourt Ltd. There were transparent courts at Madrid and Paris, but Hunt's qualifying rounds were played on the standard glass-backed plaster courts which were the latest thing in his previous era.

The strain of coming back: Geoff Hunt takes a breather (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Transparent courts were developed in pursuit of television coverage for squash, almost accidentally providing an exciting live bear-pit environment for a game previously difficult to mount for large audiences. Crowds of more than 1,000 are now common at major championships. Some 3,000 watch the final stages of the British Open at Wembley Conference Centre and 5,000 are expected at Albert Hall for the world championships in October.

At around £100,000 a time, the demountable transparent courts are no small investment for promoters or national associations. Yet by the start of next season three permanent glass courts, one demountable glass court and at least half a dozen demountable Perspex courts will be in action around the world.

It is no coincidence that ICI, the manufacturers of Perspex acrylic sheet, are prepared to put more than £200,000 into mounting the world championships in London next October. There may not be huge profits in manufacturing the courts themselves, but other applications of the one-way vision achieved with light reflecting white spots laminated onto the inner wall surfaces are ideally illustrated in international squash.

The world's top players have a head start of five years on Hunt in developing the playing techniques demanded by the revolutionary courts. Next week at Cannons Club the former world champion must make the same adjustment in five days.

Colin McQuillan

MOTOR SPORT

Jaguar team is confident of further success

The world sports-prototype championship moves south-east across Spain to the newer Jerez circuit today, where the Silk Cut Jaguar team is confident of repeating its triumph in the opening round at Jarama last weekend (A Correspondent writes).

For this race the opposition is strengthened with Jochen Mass and Bob Wollek joining the Rothmans Porsche team alongside Derek Bell and Hans Stuck. Bell finished only 1.6sec behind the John Watson/Jan Lammers Jaguar last weekend.

Meanwhile, it seems likely the fourth round of the series, scheduled for Vallelunga in Italy on April 20, will not take place. So far none of the top C1 teams have entered, and neither Rothmans Porsche nor Silk Cut Jaguar intend to. Only a few C2 teams have expressed interest.

The close proximity of the third and fifth races, at Monza on April 12 and Silverstone on May 10, is believed to be the main problem, as teams feel they will not have sufficient time to prepare their cars.

YACHTING

Hughes feat signals a first

From Barry Pickthall, Rio de Janeiro

John Hughes, the lone sailor who steered his crippled yacht, Joseph Young, into East Cove on the Falklands last Tuesday after being dismasted in mid-Pacific seven weeks ago, deserves a mention in the Guinness Book of Records — for tenacity if nothing else.

His 45-day, 4,400-mile voyage under jury rig may or may not be a record, but rounding the notorious Cape Horn alone in this makeshift manner is almost certainly a first.

The London-born sailor, who now hails from Halifax, Nova Scotia, and one of 16 remaining competitors in the BOC Single Handed Rounded the World Race said on arrival: "For a while I didn't think I would make it. The winds were blowing more than 50 knots. The shallow waters around Cape Horn made each wave break. Twice I was knocked down giving me a good scare. The waves were 40-footers — very steep and I was really relieved to get into deeper water."

Hughes, aged 26, was greeted on arrival by Rear Admiral Chris Leyland, commander of British Naval Forces on the Island, but Hughes's problems have not ended there. The replacement mast and sails he had expected to see waiting on the quayside had not arrived. The Canadian Air Force aircraft used to transport the equipment suffered engine problems en route and was forced to divert to West Germany.

The new rig is not expected to reach Hughes until Monday — a delay that almost certainly means the Canadian will miss the start of the final leg of the BOC race from Rio on April 11. He now plans to pack enough supplies aboard his 42 foot yacht to reach the finish in Newport, Rhode Island, in May.

● The death last week of Lt Col Jack Olding Smee OBE closes a chapter on the story of short handed racing in Britain.

It was Jack who organized the 'Half Crown Challenge' between Francis Chichester and Lt Col Blondie Hasler for the first single handed East-West race across the Atlantic back in 1960 and remained chairman of this *Observer*-sponsored and other short handed races organized by the Royal Western Yacht Club for the next 20 years.

A stickler for the rules, he also went out of his way to encourage fair play and friendship among competitors. One to remember him for this is Robin Knox-Johnston, who was challenged by the Colonel for having too many crew aboard his chartered yacht, Great Britain II, during the last stage of the 1978 two-man round Britain race.

Guilty as charged, Knox-Johnston and his crewman, Billy King-Harmon, had invited Martin Read and Philip Gregg sailing the 30-foot trimaran RFD aboard for dinner after both crews found themselves becalmed in close company off the Royal Sovereign Light in the English Channel.

The two yachts remained rafted up for several hours while the four enjoyed a meal of smoked trout.

After hearing the story, the Colonel took a quizzical look at the British skipper, nodded his head in approval and said: "Well, I don't know what the rules say about it — but damned good show!".

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

BUSINESS SERVICES

MID-MANHATTAN OFFICE WITHOUT LEAVING HOME!
100 steps from Park Avenue on E56th. The New York Presence Plan: From Mailbox and phone/Tx to word-Proc. and an office or occasional conference room. From only $250 a mth where rents are now $80 psf!
Ring 02814-4351 for details

COMPANY DIRECTORS
Small Businessmen, Worried !!
Pressure from creditors?
Bailiffs?
Personal Guarantees?
Bank Pressing? Bankruptcy?
Winding up notices?
Our specialist services will solve your financial difficulties and leave you with a future.
A sympathetic ear is but a phone call away.
Call S & D Services
Day 0543-256957,
Eves & W/Ends
0908-585600
0283-712003

INTER CITY CLEANING COMPANY
Don't leave your cleaning for tomorrow. Let Inter City Cleaning Company clean your office & home today.
* FULL SERVICE GIVEN *
* EXCELLENT RATES *
For Enquiries call us on:
01-388-0028

INSOLVENT COMPANIES BOUGHT
★ Immediate decision ★
★ Prompt Payment ★
★ Strictest Confidence ★ Guaranteed
★ Any size considered ★
Write with details to: BOX 157

INTERCITY CHAUFFEURS & CO
Drive in style and comfort. Airports, business lunches and meetings, day excursions, through London & suburbs. Fully uniformed chauffeurs. Phones in all cars. Excellent service, excellent rates.
For enquiries and bookings:
01-388 0028

IS YOUR PAYROLL A HEADACHE
Are your wage arrangements Cost Effective?
COMPANY MANAGEMENT LTD
offer a complete professional service including dealing with P35's, SSP, and the new SMP. Call us now to discuss how our service can meet your specific requirements.
01-631-8272

FAX £3.50
Send your faxs cheaply & efficiently.
FREE collection / delivery.
FAXGO EXPRESS
01-791-1124
EXT 253

MWE
CONTRACTING TO PROPERTY MANAGERS
Do you find it hard to get your Jobs done?
Ring Rainham (04027) 57440 for HELP.
PAMPHLET ON REQUEST

SURVEILLANCE MONITORING
and counter surveillance equipment for both the amateur & professional.
Ring or write for price list.
RUBY ELECTRONICS LTD
716, Lea Bridge Rd
London E10 6AW
01-558 4226

TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE
FOR THE PROFESSIONAL
Low cost, 24hr personal answering (No machines) 7 days a week, full sec and fax service available.
For Information please ring:
01-567 1774

YOUR OWN LEICESTER SQUARE OFFICE FOR MAIL/TELEPHONE/ TELEX/FASCIMILE ETC
01-836 4224

PUTNEY/KINGSTON Fully serviced offices available includes telex, fax, secretarial & boardroom facilities. Reasonable rents. Tel: 01-788 2126.
BUSINESS PLAN writer, experienced and skilled in profit/cash flow projections. 0276 72298.

PALL MALL + W2
Low premium 24hr access + parking. Furn carpeted offices incl phone/telex/fax.
Fr £75pw.
01-839 4808

WORDRITE
You've heard it
You've seen it
We've got it right
Call us today for your Secretarial Services, overload facilities and quality software application training.
01-387-5412

COMPUTERS & COMPUTING SERVICES

SYSTEMS ANALYST CONSULTANTS
If you are thinking of buying a computer or have one at the moment for a ½ day consultancy fee of £40 we can help you make the right decisions to achieve a greater efficiency for your company. If you wish for more details.
Telephone Paul on
0494 773707

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

CENTRAL PROPERTY INDEX
one small fee
one huge selection
01-488 2544

Kettering
TELFORD WAY
FREEHOLD OR LEASE
DETACHED INDIVIDUAL UNITS OF 4,000 sq ft EACH
WHOLESALE/RETAIL INDUSTRIAL
Details:
Tel: Leicester (0533) 25000

GUARDIAN ESTATES
LETTING & MANAGEMENT CO.
Owner Landlords entrust your investment properties with Gaurdian Estates.
For enquiries call us on:
01 388 0026

ZONE- IN
LETTING & MANAGEMENT CO
Propety wanted and available in Zones 1,2 & 3 of London and the suburbs.
For enquiries call us today. on:
01 387 5760/5770

DISTRIBUTORS & AGENTS

QUESTION
Are you earning what you're worth? If you are an ambitious person with a caring attitude ring
01-727 5143

SATELLITE TV
An extra 17 channels of viewing which covers sport, news, pop music, films and much more
AGENTS REQUIRED all areas
We are a public company who are now in a position to offer you something rather unique. Get involved in the new entertainment explosion of 1987.
Tel: 01-558 7722
Or write:
Freepost
World Of Vision
528 Leytonstone High Road
London E11 3BR

SATELLITE TV
NEC U.K. Distributor requires high profile dealers and agents. All areas. Low investment - high return.
Call:
SATFIT LTD.
Tel: 0734 699699

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TO RENT

SUPERIOR luxury office to let Holland Park area. Own entrance. Telephone & cloakroom / WC. 380sq ft £8 000 P.A. Suit Professional person. Tel 603 9070.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNISHERS

MONARCH MERLIN 150
Comprising complete consul and switchboard in perfect working order 2 years old, best offer over £7,000 view by appointment on.
01 488 0303

JUST DESKS
Period and Reproduction Desks. Filing Cabinets, Writing and Boardroom Tables, Desk Chairs.
Write for details:
Just Desks, Dept 27/3/87
Showrooms:- 20 Church Street
London NW8 8EP, Tel No: 01-723-7976
6 Erskine Road, London NW3
Tel No: 01-722-4902

COMMERCIAL PRINTERS

HOLBORN Based creative/ad setting studio using Scantext equip seek increased work load and, or, merger. Income presently £10K p.a. For further information please ring 0293 540117

WHOLESALERS

URGENTLY REQUIRED Manufacturers of tracksuits in U.K. Contact: 0742 665457. Tx 54229. Fax 0742 670196

TUITION

CHILDREN'S reading problems dealt with by experienced professional. Tel 01 270 0468

ALL BOX NO. REPLIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:
BOX NO......
BOX NO. DEPT.,
P.O. BOX 484,
VIRGINIA STREET,
WAPPING,
LONDON,
E1 9DD.

MANAGING DIRECTOR
Voice and Data Communications for the Financial Community
Circa £55,000p.a., bonus and benefits

From an M.D.

MGBGT Black. 8900 miles first registered 1980. One owner from new. Excellent condition. Offers over £6,500 Tel: 01-124 1603.

MGB 1966 Red, totally restored to immaculate condition, wires.

to an M.G.B.

THE SUNDAY TIMES
THE TIMES
CLASSIFIED
More of what you're looking for.
To place your advertisement telephone 01-481 4000

هكذا من الأصل

DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin
2.45 Knights Secret.
3.15 Samhaan.
3.45 PEARL RUN (nap).
4.15 Spacemaker Boy.
4.45 Firestorm.
5.15 Accompanist.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 Polynor.
3.15 Samhaan.
3.45 Fedra.
4.15 Chautauqua.
4.45 —
5.15 MARK ANGELO (nap).

By Michael Seely
3.15 Sheer Nectar. 3.45 PEARL RUN (nap). 5.15 Accompanist.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.15 ACCOMPANIST.

Going: soft **Draw low numbers best**

2.45 HAYWARDS PICKLE HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,596: 1m 2f 50yd) (28 runners) C4

1 (5) 042220- KNIGHTS SECRET 154 (F,G,S) (Westbrook) M H Easterby 6-11-7 Leila Easterby (5) 84
3 (7) 011100/ PRINCE GEORGETOWN 541 (F,G) (R Lisser) R Hartop 5-11-4 .. T Thomson Jones —
4 (18) 204142- ARGES 240 (F) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 6-11-4 Maxine Juster 88
6 (14) 020430-0 DUELLING 1 (F,S) (C Holmes) C Holmes 6-11-0 NON-RUNNER 89
8 (15) 230000- RUN BY JOVE 150 (S) (Newmarket Plc) P Haslam 4-10-12 Anne Haslam (5) 82
9 (24) 040000- SECLUSIVE 192 (G) (D Brown) C Tinkler 4-10-9 T Easterby 88
10 (1) 000000- RAPID LAD 151 (F,G) (S Borsberry) J Spearing 9-10-8 Teresa Spearing (5) 87
13 (13) 000000- FINAL ALMA 244 (Mrs P Isaacs) P Mitchell 4-10-8 Anne Phillips(5) 80
14 (27) 302300- GOLDEN FANCY 139 (CD,F,S) (Northumbria Ltd) S Kettlewell 10-10-5 .. J Osborne 91
16 (11) 01/0304- ORYX MINOR 144 (S) (R Trumper) S Mellor 7-10-4 Dana Mellor 87
17 (22) 002003- RIVER GAMBLER 178 (B) (J Rolls) P Cundell 4-10-3 S Cowley (5) 85
18 (23) 000002- JOLI WASFI 158 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs L Buckerfield) M Haynes 6-10-1 . Yvonne Haynes 85
19 (20) 034002- LOUD LANDING 169 (M Ritzenberg) F Winter 4-10-1 Joanna Winter (5) 89
21 (3) 402000- COURT TOWN 150 (R Hannon) R Hannon 4-9-13 Elizabeth Gandolfo (5) ● 99
22 (25) 000- FRED THE TREAD 150 (G Greenwood) T Casey 5-9-13 Kelly Marks 82
23 (2) 00/00- FAIRSEAT CLOSE 191 (Mrs W Nahorai) R Whitaker 4-9-11 S Donoghue (5) —
25 (17) 0/03000- STANGRAVE 230 (Mrs A Dale) D Dale 4-9-10 Ginny Belding (5) 85
27 (12) 440/000- THE FINK SISTERS 179 (S Patterson) T Cunningham 4-9-8 S Cunningham —
28 (10) 02000/0- PATERNOSTER ROW 361 (B,F,G) (K Griffiths) M Eckley 8-9-8 Lucy Gibbon —
29 (8) 000000- TOP ROW 202 (J Zochonis) A W Jones 4-9-8 Diana Jones —
30 (26) 431331/ COMPACTOR 897 (B,F) (T Rigley) S Bowring 8-9-8 Lisa Hobson (5) —
31 (28) 000300- ICEN 157 (B,F,G,S) (A Guy) J Norton 9-9-7 C N Smith (5) 92
32 (9) 224000- MEZIARA 186 (V,G) (B Scott) D Tucker 6-9-7 Jane Southall (5) 87
34 (19) 301000- RUSTIC TRACK 158 (F,G) (D Smith) Denys Smith 7-9-5 Shelley Davies (5) 89
35 (21) 40/0001- POLYNOR 150 (G) (D Thompson) M Ryan 6-9-5 J Ryan 88
36 (4) 4F0000- PRONUPTIA BRIDE 546 (F) (P Tsakarisianos) D Wintle 6-9-3 Dee Tsakarisianos (5) —
37 (16) 00/0000- ANNIE RA 274 (Mrs E Bevan) D Nicholson 5-9-0 R Bevan (5) 88
39 (6) 0/0- TARISTEAC 241 (B) (M Hall) S Bowring 7-9-0 — —

BETTING: 4-1 Golden Fancy, 9-2 The Fink Sisters, Arges, 5-1 Fairseat Close, 11-2 Polynor, 6-1 Joli Wasfi, 8-1 Oryx Minor, 10-1 others.

1986: BRUNICO 4-11-2 T Thomson Jones (9-4 fav) R Simpson 29 ran

FORM ARGES ran mainly over 1m 4f last season but if reproducing form over this shorter trip should go well judging on (11-10) a length 2nd to Toscana (11-2) here on final start of 1986. (1m 4f, £1417, good to firm, July 30, 13 ran).
GOLDEN FANCY looks very well handicapped on (10-12) a 6½l 3rd to Herradura (10-12) at Redcar (1m 4f, £2918, firm, Sept 27, 12 ran), previously had (9-6) been ½l 2nd to Kooky's Pet (8-5) at same course, (1m 3f, £2537, good to firm, Sept 16, 18 ran), with LOUD LANDING (8-10) and SECLUSIVE (9-6) both well beaten.
ORYX MINOR ran in this race last year and finished 9th, subsequently showed better form when (11-5) finishing 8¾l 3rd to Onisky (11-7) at Thirsk (1m 4f, £1403, good, May 10, 20 ran) he is effective on an easy surface.
RIVER GAMBLER ran best race of last season when (8-8) failing by a short head to hold off Stilou (8-12) with FINAL ALMA (9-0) up to form 4½l away 6th at Lingfield (1m 2f, £1979, good, July 28, 15 ran).
POLYNOR will have plenty of assistence from the saddle and is not out of it judged on (8-3) a ¾l defeat of Smart Mart (8-5) at Redcar (1m 2f, £1023, good, Oct 28, 14 ran).
Selection: GOLDEN FANCY

3.15 ASSOCIATED PROMOTIONS HANDICAP (£2,868: 1m rnd) (25 runners) C4

1 (21) 000043/ KEEP TAPPING 959 (F) (D Adams) Mrs S Oliver 6-10-3 — —
2 (7) 323020- SAMHAAN 154 (B,CD,F,S) (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 5-10-0 Pat Eddery 91
3 (18) 122010- PULHAM MILLS 172 (F) (P Mills) E Eldin 4-10-0 J Quinn (5) 85
5 (5) 042000- CARRIBEAN SOUND 185 (C,F) (H King) C Brittain 4-9-7 S Cauthen 85
8 (6) 30/400- FINAL SELECTION 185 (V) (N Cabburn) D Thom 4-9-3 W R Swinburn 98
9 (2) 00/2121- JOHN GILPIN 284 (F,G,S) (A Barker) W Haigh 5-9-1 R Cochrane 85
10 (24) 041300- KING OF SPEED 244 (F,G,S) (J Wilberforce) B Wise 8-9-0 B Rouse 86
11 (8) 0/02080- PALMION 143 (D,F) (D Faulkner) R Hollinshead 5-8-13 A Culhane (7) 91
12 (16) 0001- SHEER NECTAR 157 (S) (L Turland) G Balding 4-8-13 J Williams 90
13 (11) 031000- LADY LA PAZ 158 (D,G) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 4-8-12 Kim Tinkler 84
14 (15) 000001- WELSH MEDLEY 154 (CD,G,S)(T&S Ltd) D Haydn Jones 5-8-11 D J Williams (5) 94
15 (17) 043220- FOOT PATROL 153 (D,F) (Miss L Evans) P Cundell 6-8-11 N Adams 91
16 (9) 140010/ SPIGOT SHAFT 559 (D,G,S) (B Johnson) D Wintle 7-8-10 S Whitworth 9 —
17 (20) 020300- BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 155 (B,F,G,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 4-8-10 J Carr (7) 89
18 (13) 020000- BWANA KALI 211 (D,F) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-9 M Beecroft 92
19 (19) 200000- QUALITAIR KING 164 (S) (Qualitair Hotels Ltd) K Stone 4-8-7 S Keightley 91
21 (25) 400000- MR KEWMILL 193 (D,G) (H Price) J Mackie 4-8-5 B Thomson 93
22 (10) 000/40- HINCKLEY LANE 359 (B) (B Padgett) M W Easterby 5-8-3 L Charnock 87
23 (1) 00000U- VERBARIUM 182 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 7-8-3 ... M Wigham 86
24 (14) 212000- QUALITAIRESS 162 (V,CD,G,S) (P Bottomley) K Stone 5-8-1 P Burke (7) 89
27 (12) 000209- NO JAZZ 195 (M Soames) M Ryan 4-7-12 P Robinson 94
28 (4) 024400- MANABEL 147 (A Ripley) S Bowring 5-7-11 J Lowe 86
29 (22) 000/000- STROMBERG 281 (H Austwick) D Dale 4-7-9 G Dickie —
30 (23) 000000- CHEERFUL TIMES 143 (M Sturgess) K Ivory 4-7-8 N Carlisle ● 99
31 (3) 000443- TAJ SINGH 245 (G) (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 5-7-7 M Fry 86

BETTING: 11-4 Samhaan, 3-1 Sheer Nectar, 9-2 John Gilpen, 6-1 Lady La Paz, 13-2 Welsh Melody, 8-1 Carribean Sound, 10-1 others.

1986: FORMATUNE 4-9-4 W R Swinburn (14-1) D Arbuthnot 25 ran

FORM FINAL SELECTION put up best effort first time out last season when (8-11) less than 4l 4th to Najidiya (8-8) at Windsor (1m 2f 22y, £959, good to soft, Aug 23, 14 ran).
JOHN GILPIN scored in good style at Hamilton last year when (8-12) running on well to beat Prince Oberon (8-8) 3l (1m 40y, £2194, soft, Apr 2, 11 ran) a race in which QUALITAIRESS (8-6) finished another 5l back in 3rd and HINCKLEY LANE (9-5) was over 15L further away in 6th.
SHEER NECTAR wound up last season with a (8-9) ¾l beating of Teed Bora (8-4) at Hamilton (1m 1f, £986, soft, Oct 21, 14 ran).
VERBARIUM (8-1) was a 2l 2nd to Tutbury (8-8) at Thirsk early last year (1m, £2666, soft, Apr 18, 12 ran), a race in which BWANA KALI (8-10) finished a neck back in 3rd.
CHEERFUL TIMES put up possible best effort over 1m 2f here when (7-7) finishing 3l 2nd to Weshaam (8-13) (£2746, firm, May 26, 8 ran).
Selection: JOHN GILPIN

3.45 DONCASTER TOWN PLATE HANDICAP (£8,363: 2m 2f) (18 runners) C4

2 (2) 100041- ACCURACY 140 (CD,G,S) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 6-9-7 J Williams 87
3 (4) 00214- GUESSING 183 (S) (Racegoers Club Owners Group) P Mitchell 4-9-6 ...... A Clark 84
5 (1) 101222- PEARL RUN 307 (D,S) (R Squires) G Price 6-9-3 P Robinson 97
6 (11) 423140- FEDRA 180 (F,S) (Mrs H Cambanis) John FitzGerald 4-9-1 R Hills 87
7 (9) 41010- ALARM CALL 139 (C,G,S) (Mrs A Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-12 . W R Swinburn 87
8 (15) 400420- CAROUSEL ROCKET 140 (S) (A Saccomando) R Whitaker 4-8-9 P Griffiths 86
10 (10) 03102- NIKOOLA EVE 144 (S) (D Cooper) J Glover 5-8-8 M Birch 86
11 (16) 400440- MILLER'S TALE 144 (I Balding) I Balding 5-8-7 S O'Gorman (7) 85
12 (7) 204000- JACKDAW 140 (F,S) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 7-8-4 A Culhane (7) 86
13 (8) 00/1130- MIAMI IN SPRING 142 (G,S) (N Boyner) R Stubbs 4-8-4 J H Brown (5) 81
14 (17) 2200/20- ACE OF SPIES 312 (B,G,S) (A Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 6-8-4 W Carson 17 91
15 (3) 042400- TRESIDDER 190 (G,S) (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 5-8-4 Pat Eddery 93
16 (18) 2403- BUSHIDO 061 (G Politakis) J S Wilson 4-8-2 T Sprake (7) ● 99
17 (5) 120220- LEPRECHAUN LADY 140(F,G,S) (G Corbett) S Norton 5-8-0 J Lowe 84
19 (6) 0000/00- FOCHE 144 (F,G) (B Doody) J Webber 6-7-10 C Rutter (3) —
20 (13) 0/011- SUPER GRASS 302 (F,S) (Mrs D Smart) B Smart 8-7-8 N Adams 83
21 (14) 00/0000- IBN MAJED 160 (P O'Donnell) C Spares 5-7-7 A Proud 94
22 (12) 011000- ALACAZAM 151 (G) (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Spearing 5-7-7 N Carlisle 91

BETTING: 5-2 Pearl Run, 100-30 Accuracy, 7-2 Alarm Call, 5-1 Fedra, 9-1 Guessing, 12-1 Ibn Majed, 14-1 others.

1986: WITHY BANK 4-8-0 W Carson (10-1) M H Easterby 20 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

FORM ACCURACY has become moody over hurdles but may be more agreeable on the Flat, is a course and distance winner twice, recording the latest of those victories when (9-6) beating Withy Bank (9-5) a length with LEPRECHAUN LADY (8-5), CAROUSEL ROCKET (8-0) and JACKDAW (8-6) all out of the first 6 on final start of 1986 (2m 2f, £3465, good, Nov 7, 21 ran).
PEARL RUN, has been in good form over hurdles, on penultimate start on the Flat finished (9-10) ¾l 2nd to Sailor's Reward (9-1) with JACKDAW (8-2) 3l away 3rd and ACE OF SPIES (9-3) 8¾l away 5th at Wolverhampton (2m 1f, £2763, good, May 19, 10 ran).
FEDRA is usually consistent and is best judged on (7-8) a 3l defeat of Tigerwood (7-8) at Warwick (2m 2f, £2940, good to soft, Aug 25, 5 ran).
TRESIDDER seems best when held up, (8-10) 9¾l 4th to Sun Street (8-13) at Ripon (2m 2f, £2138, soft, Aug 26, 9 ran).
Selection: ACCURACY

4.15 WILL SCOTT HANDICAP (£2,595: 5f) (17 runners) C4

1 (9) 2110- JOHN RUSSELL 251 (D,F) (J Harwood) M Ryan 4-9-12 P Robinson 92
2 (12) 203300- CLANTIME 194 (D,F,G,S) (Clantime Ltd) R Whitaker 6-9-10 D McKeown 98
3 (3) 300220- CHAPLINS CLUB 139 (B,D,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 7-9-6 W R Swinburn 3 93
5 (5) 040000- LOCHTILLUM 197 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 8-9-3 S Cauthen 93
6 (16) 100000- VAGUE LASS 138 (S) (J Rose) W Wharton 4-9-2 W Ryan 95
7 (15) 44/4004- THE HILCOTE CLUB 259 (D,F,S) (G Northage) R Whitaker 4-8-13 K Bradshaw (5) 86
9 (17) 000000- JOHN PATRICK 151 (C,S) (J Marsella) J Booth 6-8-5 V Smith 17 —
10 (2) 443440- BATON BOY 139 (G) (A Wragg) M Brittain 6-8-5 K Darley 92
11 (11) 000000- RUNAWAY 150 (D,G,S) (A Thornhill) C Tinkler 4-8-5 M Birch —
13 (10) 000240- SPACEMAKER BOY 139 (D,F,G,S) (T Drake) C Spares 7-8-4 Pat Eddery ● 99
14 (8) 400400- PERGODA 170 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Fletcher) S Kettlewell 9-8-3 S Quinn 92
15 (14) 000000- STEPHEN'S SONG 155 (D,S) (T Nicholson) N Vigors 4-8-0 S Dawson 93
16 (7) 460200- TOP THAT 209 (D,F,G,S) (T Barron) T Barron 8-7-13 N Carlisle 91
17 (7) 141240- CHAUTAUQUA 249 (D,F,S) (Newmarket Plc) P Haslam 4-7-12 T Williams 92
18 (13) 40300/ HIDDEN GIFT 550 (Nation Wide Racing Co Ltd) R Stubbs 4-7-12 .... J H Brown (5) —
21 (4) 000000- MENDICK ADVENTURE 191 (D,F) (D Pike) Denys Smith 6-7-9 M Fry 91
22 (6) 000300- ROSIE DICKINS 144 (D,F,S) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 5-7-7 A Culhane (7) 89

BETTING: 9-4 Spacemaker Boy, 7-2 Clantime, 5-1 Vague Lass, 6-1 Stephen's Song, 8-1 Runaway, Chaplins Club, 12-1 Baton Boy, 14-1 others.

1986: WILL GEORGE 7-8-9 Pat Eddery (6-1 fav) C Horgan 18 ran

FORM CLANTIME has done all his winning at 5f and ran a fine race in King George Stakes at Goodwood last year when (9-0) less than 4l 6th to Double Schwartz (9-5) (5f, Group 3, £17928, good to firm, July 31, 14 ran).
CHAPLINS CLUB (8-5) had BATON BOY (7-7) a neck and a head back in 4th when a 3 lengths runner up to Que Sympatica (10-0) here in October (6f, £6400, good to soft, Oct 25, 14 ran).
SPACEMAKER BOY'S one victory last season came early in the year at Wolverhampton when (9-7) hanging on well to beat ROSIE DICKINS (8-6) a neck (5f, £1761, soft, Apr 14, 14 ran).
ROSIE DICKINS is better over 6f as she showed first time out last season (8-9) when beating TOP THAT (9-9) ¾l at Nottingham (£1346, good to soft, Apr 7, 14 ran).
STEPHEN'S SONG ran up a quick double first 2 starts of last year, on latter occasion (8-6) beating Rove (8-7) ¾l at Newbury (5f, £3727, soft, Apr 18, 9 ran).
Selection: CLANTIME

4.45 SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAIDEN SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,014: 5f) (13 runners)

3 (9) ENCHANTING ANDY (M Watterson Ltd) K Stone 9-0 G Brown —
4 (6) FRISKY FORT (A Smith) A Smith 9-0 S Webster —
5 (2) GINNYS SLIPPER (Mrs J Robinson) G Moore 9-0 C Coates (5) —
6 (3) HOURS OF FUN (C Harrison) M James 9-0 Sharron James —
8 (5) MICK MULLIGAN (B) (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 9-0 M Fry —
10 (10) ROKABAR (Mrs A Braham) D Chapman 9-0 W R Swinburn —
12 (7) BRIGHT JUNE (J Turney) T Fairhurst 8-9 K Hodgson —
14 (12) ELA-YIANNI-MOU (P Charalambous) M Brittain 8-9 K Darley —
15 (11) 3 FIRESTORM 6 (Mrs M O'Toole) M O'Toole Ire, 8-9 W Carson —
16 (13) FLORIOS (Full Circle Thoroughbreds C Plc) N Tinkler 8-9 Kim Tinkler —
17 (8) GLUCINIUM (D Cheer) M McCormack 8-9 W Wharton —
20 (4) MELODY MILL (C Holland) Mrs C Reavey 8-9 I Johnson —
21 (1) NATION'S GAME (Nation Wide Racing Co Ltd) R Stubbs 8-9 J H Brown (5) —

BETTING: 2-1 Firestorm, 11-4 Ela-Yianni-Mou, 4-1 Rokaber, 6-1 Melody Mill, 8-1 Florios, 12-1 Mick Mulligan, 16-1 others.

1986: HELENS CONTACT 8-11 K Darley (9-2) M Brittain 11 ran

FORM Enchantment had 4 juvenile winners from his first crop and is represented here by ENCHANTING ANDY.
BRIGHT JUNE foaled (Feb 8) and has been trained with an eye to early success.
Mel Brittain usually gets away to a fast start and won this race last year. He is represented here by ELA-YIANNI MOU
Mick O'Toole continues his raid on Doncaster's juvenile races with FIRESTORM (8-5) who finished 2¾l 3rd to Lady Wembley (8-10) at Naas (5f, £1242, good to soft, 21 Mar, 6 ran).
Nigel Tinkler, FLORIOS, had 3 juvenile winners before the end of April last season, including a selling winner.
Selection: ELA-YIANNI-MOU

5.15 FRENCH GATE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 1m str) (25 runners)

1 (16) 0- ABADARE 153 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 85
2 (13) 42- ACCOMPANIST 237 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0 S Cauthen ● 99
4 (7) 30- BRONZE RUNNER 158 (Austin Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 9-0 M Wigham 66
5 (20) 000204- CABALLINE 151 (C Bossey) M Haynes 9-0 P Cook 78
6 (2) 020240- CREAM AND GREEN 185 (T Harrington) K White 9-0 J Williams 76
7 (5) 2340040- DANADN 150 (D Norton) Ron Thompson 9-0 R P Elliott 78
8 (21) 0- DEEP WATER BAY 147 (M Bamber) I Matthews 9-0 C Dwyer 85
9 (10) 0000- GOULDSWOOD 151 (H Gould) D Burchell 9-0 T Williams —
10 (6) 00- GROSSEN 155 (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 9-0 N Connorton 87
11 (19) 000- GWYNRAS 158 (W Griffiths) D Wintle 9-0 S Whitworth 59
12 (11) 004- ICHI BAN SON 150 (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 9-0 K Hodgson 79
13 (8) 000- INTROVERT 140 (Miss G Purkiss) A Smith 9-0 S Webster —
14 (25) MAGIC SPUR (G Eden) A Hide 9-0 G French —
15 (18) 2000- MARK ANGELO 175 (M Christofi) R Boss 9-0 Pat Eddery 84
16 (9) 000- MINIZEN LAD 239 (Minizen Ltd) M Brittain 9-0 K Darley —
17 (17) 00- NETZER 151 (S Squires) K Ivory 9-0 A Shoults (3) —
19 (12) 0- PPS LITTLE SECRET 143 (B Seabrook) T Kersey 9-0 — —
20 (15) 00440- QUASSIMI 140 (A Saleh) F Durr 9-0 G Starkey 76
21 (3) 00- RAYMONDS STAR 199 (Tow-Star Ltd) M Naughton 9-0 M Fry —
23 (1) 000- SHERLEY ROMP 294 (R Skeggs) K Ivory 9-0 R Cochrane —
24 (4) 0000- VORTRACK 157 (V) (F Swain) Mrs N Macauley 9-0 R Hills 79
25 (22) MARDI GRAS BELLE (Mrs M Keigh) S Norton 8-11 J Lowe —
26 (24) 003- NAVOS 150 (A Snipe) M Leach 8-11 N Leach (7) 81
27 (23) 0- QUEEN'S LAKE 245 (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11 W Carson —
28 (14) 00- TALLAND BAY 142 (B Skirton) M Camacho 8-11 D Nicholls —

BETTING: 15-8 Accompanist, 100-30 Mark Angelo, 5-1 Abadare, 11-2 Deep Water Bay, 10-1 Navos, Caballine, 12-1 others.

1986: Jezetas 9-0 Pat Eddery (6-4 fav) N Callaghan 22 ran

FORM ABADARE (8-11) showed promise when 11l 8th of 23 to Dollar Seeker (9-3) at Newbury (1m, £5663, soft, Oct 25).
ACCOMPANIST, although slightly flattered, still ran a good race when (8-8) 3l 2nd to Guineas fancy Invited Guest (8-11) at Newmarket (7f, £4480, good, Aug 2, 4 ran).
DEEP WATER BAY (9-0) finished 8th in a Newmarket maiden (6f, £4341, good to soft, Oct 31, 21 ran) to Rockfella (9-0) and has scope.
ICHI BAN SON (8-11) found Chilibang 9¾l too good when 4th at Redcar (5f, £1769, good, Oct 28, 5 ran).
MARK ANGELO (9-0) ran a reasonable race early last season when 1½l 2nd to Pensurchin (9-0) at Kempton (5f, £1850, soft, Mar 29, 6 ran).
NAVOS (8-11) stepped up on previous efforts when 7½l 3rd to the useful Laluche (8-11) here at Doncaster (6f, £1981, firm, Jun 28, 11 ran).
Selection: ACCOMPANIST

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
B Hills	20	123	16.3	G Starkey	21	106	19.8
B Hanbury	8	64	12.5	W Carson	42	233	18.0
M Ryan	10	91	11.0	S Cauthen	35	207	16.9
M H Easterby	13	137	9.5	Pat Eddery	19	136	14.0
S Norton	8	85	9.4	R Hills	10	73	13.7
R Hollinshead	15	285	5.3	W R Swinburn	14	103	13.6

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Ballyhane.
2.30 Powys.
3.00 Sun Rising.
3.30 Tried And True.
4.00 Manna Reef.
4.30 Elvercone.

Going: soft

2.0 ALVESCOT NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,656: 2m 4f 120yd) (17 runners)

102 U40-322 BALLYHANE 22 (BF,G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 6-11-9 R Rowe 97
105 0-023 BILLY'S BRIDGE 87 (P Madigan) J Jenkins 6-11-9 — 89
106 P/F00P- BLUDDENS WOOD 342 (Mrs F Harvey) G Balding 6-11-9 G Bradley —
114 00 JUDGMENT DAY 42 (R Tooth) N Henderson 5-11-9 S Smith Eccles —
119 000 MY KIKALONG 14 (Alton Ltd) J Gifford 5-11-9 — 74
120 3400-3 MYNAH KEY 17 (Mrs D Clark) S Christian 5-11-9 R Beggan 93
121 020030 NATYAPOUR 17 (S M Demolition Ltd) W Kemp 6-11-9 S Shilston 89
122 000 SEAL PRINCE 17 (Mrs J Dening) R Dening 6-11-9 R Rowell —
123 P/P0-P SHANIPOUR 30 (Orthopaedic Bedding) P Bowden 7-11-9 R Dennis —
125 002002 SMITHY BEAR 28 (Mrs J John) R Dickin 5-11-9 Mr R Bellamy (7) 95
126 0 SWIFT GUIDE 22 (Mrs E Dudgeon) I Dudgeon 7-11-9 M Richards —
130 PP/0 TWICE AS FRESH 8 (Mrs B Bacon) A Moore 8-11-9 G Moore —
131 P-0 UNDEREAVES 7 (C Saunders) C Saunders 6-11-9 Miss C Saunders —
136 NO POLITICS (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 7-11-4 L Harvey (4) —
138 0220 GREAT GANDER 2 (BF) (Mrs C Welch) J Spearing 4-11-0 — ● 99
140 00 RUBIENNE 15 (Mrs P Fox) J Fox 4-11-0 S Moore —
141 04F SHAH'S CHOICE 15 (Lady Joseph) F Winter 4-11-0 P Scudamore 97

BETTING: 3-1 Ballyhane, 7-2 Shah's Choice, 9-2 Mynah Key, 7-1 Great Gander, 10-1 Smithy Bear, Natyapour, 12-1 Billy's Bridge, Judgement Day, My Kikalong, 14-1 others.

1986: CROONING BERRY 7-11-9 P Scudamore (15-2) W Masson 24 ran

2.30 BETTERTON CHASE (£3,459: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

204 31-PU0F AISLING GEAL 2 (G) (E Kirtland) D Gandolfo 7-11-6 M Dwyer —
207 F32402 BRAUNSTON BROOK 46 (BF,F,S) (Mrs E Boucher) D Oughton 9-11-6 G McCourt ● 99
208 UP/P0PB BRITISH PRINCE 10 (P Harvey) F Harvey 8-11-6 J Tulte —
210 2P3F04 DAVY'S WEIR 13 (Mrs R Lacy) J Gifford 7-11-6 R Rowe 88
212 04F4-3F FRIENDLY HENRY 9 (R Wright) J Fox 7-11-6 S Smith Eccles 94
213 0/200U0 GENERAL CHRYSON 42 (S) (M Peraticos) J Gifford 7-11-6 — —
216 00-F3F MARYLEBONE 102 (F) (Lady Harris) G Balding 8-11-6 G Bradley 98
218 3-420 POWYS 107 (BF,G) (R E A Bott Ltd) F Winter 7-11-6 P Scudamore —
219 022U RAMBLING SONG 43 (C Saunders) C Saunders 7-11-6 G Mernagh 98
225 0-F20U0 WOOD POPPY 2 (A Miedziak) R Shepherd 7-11-1 Mrs C Smallman 91

BETTING: 5-2 Braunston Brook, 3-1 Powys, 9-2 Marylebone, 11-2 Davy's Weir, 8-1 Rambling Song, 10-1 General Chryson, Friendly Henry, 14-1 others.

1986: GOLD BEARER 6-11-6 B de Haan (6-1) F Winter 13 ran

3.0 WOODHAY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,246: 3m 2f 82yd) (7 runners)

301 F-2400P POLAR SUNSET 22 (C,F,G,S) (C MacSwiney) T Forster 8-11-10 L Harvey (4) 74
306 313/32 SUN RISING 51 (BF,G) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 9-11-7 K Mooney 87
310 4PF340 HOMESON 10 (F,G,S) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 10-10-12 R Rowe ● 99
312 UP0013 DUDIE 18 (BF,F,S) (J Halewood) R Akehurst 9-10-7 S Smith Eccles 84
313 321221 RIG STEEL 7 (F,G,S) (R Robbins) P Cundell 7-10-6 (5ex) J Lower 89
314 321333 LORD LAURENCE 7 (BF,F,S) (Mrs L Daeley) D Gandolfo 8-10-2 M Dwyer 90
316 U03F1P MEARLIN 9 (G,S) (C House) J Old 8-10-1 — 86

BETTING: 9-4 Rig Steel, 11-4 Sun Rising, 7-2 Lord Laurence, 6-1 Dudie, 8-1 Homeson, 14-1 Mearlin, Polar Sunset.

1986: BALLYMILLAN 9-11-0 R Beggan (20-1) F Sheridan 16 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
T Forster	18	72	25.0	P Scudamore	43	218	19.7
F Winter	50	212	23.6	G Bradley	6	35	17.1
D Nicholson	33	172	19.2	S Smith Eccles	22	138	15.9
J Jenkins	14	89	15.7	R Rowe	17	161	10.6
N Henderson	19	122	15.6				
F Walwyn	13	126	10.3				

Only qualifiers

3.30 RAILWAY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,484: 2m 100yd) (17 runners)

405 2404/0-0 HILL-STREET-BLUES 14 (F,S) (D Crates) J Fox 9-11-7 R Guest —
407 F330P4 AMANTISS 147 (F,G,S) (H McCall) G Balding 9-11-5 A Charlton 85
408 0321P-0 CHARJIM 22 (F,S) (A Moore) A Moore 9-11-5 J Clarke 92
409 323110 HARBOUR BAZAAR 9 (BF,G,S) (J Shaw) R Simpson 7-11-5 D Gallagher 98
413 1/0P600 GREAT LIGHT 42 (S) (CD) (B Atkinson) J Jenkins 9-10-13 — 93
414 3P1 TRIED AND TRUE 113 (S) (R Dove) Miss L Bower 7-10-12 — 90
415 30-600P ROYAL CRAFTSMAN 91 (F) (A Dunn) A Dunn 6-10-12 I Wright 95
416 000404 OWEN'S PRIDE 7 (S) (Venture Chemicals Ltd) R Akehurst 5-10-12 D McKeown ● 99
417 144120 SICILIAN PASSAGE 27 (G) (Mrs S Catherwood) D Nicholson 5-10-12 D Jones 97
418 0/P0-0F0 IL PONTEVECCHIO 35 (G,S) (Mrs J Murray-Smith) D Murray-Smith 7-10-8 .. S Saltmarsh —
422 P0000-0 PITLOCHRY 50 (F,G) (A Aylett) A Aylett 10-10-4 — —
423 F03P-00 HIGHLAND CLIPPER 127 (S) (Miss A Whitfield) J Whitfield 8-10-4 M Bowlby —
424 0-0P000 WARILY 127 (F,S) (A Price) P Arthur 9-10-3 — 98
425 1000P/0 LONG JOHN 15 (G,S) (J Kirby) J Kirby 12-10-0 L Harvey —
428 0-00000 TASTY GUY 4 (S) (P Williams) R Thompson 8-10-0 — —
429 0-BP004 FULL OF DREAMS 13 (V) (Miss M Hendricks) G Gracey 5-10-0 — 96
430 340320 MAORI WARRIOR 148 (D Coombs) G Balding 5-10-0 D Kalinai 71

BETTING: 100-30 Harbour Bazaar, 4-1 Tried And True, 5-1 Sicilian Passage, 6-1 Hill-Street-Blues, 8-1 Owen's Pride, 10-1 Amantiss, Great Light, 14-1 Full Of Dreams, 16-1 others.

1986: WILD CORN 7-10-0 T Gibson (16-1) W Fisher 21 ran

4.0 KENCOT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,892: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

501 133124 FRENCH CAPTAIN 15 (D,G,S) (Duchess Norfolk) Lady Herries 11-11-10 M Kinane 92
502 2-11F00 ULAN BATOR 34 (CD,G,S) (Mrs O Jackson) F Winter 10-11-9 P Scudamore 85
503 3-31B44 BRASS CHANGE 22 (V,D,G,S) (N Goodliff) I Dudgeon 9-11-2 M Richards 97
504 P0-1132 JIMMINY QUICKIT 148 (D,F) (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 9-10-3 S Smith Eccles 94
505 011330 MANNA REEF 9 (D,G,S) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 9-10-2 C Grant ● 99
506 44-022F CLEAR THE COURSE 15 (S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 7-10-0 L Harvey (4) 88
508 01-03P0 SLIPALONG 97 (D,G,S) (J Read) P Jones 10-10-0 C Mann 87
509 1F-0FU1 FIFTH COLUMN 22 (G,S) (M Wilesmith) M Wilesmith 9-10-0 — 74

BETTING: 5-2 Jimminy Quickit, 3-1 French Captain, 5-1 Manna Reef, 13-2 Brass Change, 9-1 Ulan Bator, 10-1 Clear The Course, Fifth Column, 16-1 Slipalong.

1986: BELGROVE LAD 8-11-3 H Davies (6-1) T Forster 8 ran

4.30 ALVESCOT NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,683: 2m 4f 120yd) (17 runners)

605 00 CROWN GREEN 18 (J Thursby) F Walwyn 5-11-9 R Pusey 80
606 42 ELVERCONE 15 (J Phillips) A J Wilson 6-11-9 G Bradley 93
610 00- GANARO 346 (Mrs F Harvey) G Balding 5-11-9 R Guest —
611 F/00004 GREAT SHADOW 13 (J Bukovets) J Bukovets 7-11-9 S Cusack (7) 88
612 0- HARP SEAL 330 (Mrs J Dening) R Dening 6-11-9 R Rowell —
613 000 HELLO ROCKY 13 (R Shaw) Miss E Sneyd 6-11-9 A Gorman —
615 P400-P0 HOWAREYOUGOING 13 (S) (G P S Print Ltd) P Haynes 8-11-9 A Webb —
621 F0000/P- PRESENT VALUE 321 (R Robinson) R Robinson 7-11-9 — —
622 0P PRIAM LODGE 27 (D Upsher) Miss L Bower 6-11-9 — —
623 00-2300 PUCKS PLACE 49 (J Belfrage) N Gaselee 6-11-9 K Mooney 93
633 0240 THORN PIRATE 15 (BF) (N Gardner) F Winter 6-11-9 P Scudamore 84
634 TOYTOWN (Mrs P Ransom) P Ransom 6-11-9 M Dwyer —
639 00-PP MARCH MEMORIES 2 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 7-11-4 J Robson (7) —
642 00000P/ TENNIS TRACK 840 (I Williams) Mrs E Kennard 9-11-4 R Boucher (7) —
643 02F DAWN PRINCE 8 (Unity Farm Holidays Ltd) P Hobbs 4-11-0 Peter Hobbs 89
644 242220 GEX 13 (Venture Chemicals) R Akehurst 4-11-0 D McKeown ● 99
647 FP THE TULSA QUEEN 7 (Lady Oaksey) D Bell 4-10-9 Miss S Lawrence (7) —

BETTING: 11-4 Elvercone, 4-1 Pucks Place, 5-1 Thorn Pirate, 7-1 Dawn Prince, 8-1 Gex, Crown Green, 10-1 Great Shadow, 14-1 others.

1986: ALDO KING 5-11-9 P Double (16-1) D Oughton 23 ran

Fulke Walwyn (left) and Kevin Mooney, who team up with the Queen Mother's consistent nine-year-old Sun Rising at Newbury (3.0)

RACING

Pearl Run to illustrate his versatility again in Doncaster stamina test

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Good form over the distance in the spring and on soft ground points to Pearl Run having an excellent chance of winning the Doncaster Town Plate there today and he is my nap.

The career of Gordon Price's versatile six-year-old is following a similar pattern to last year when he excelled in this type of race in the first few weeks of the season, having earlier paid for his keep hurdling.

This time he enters the fray fit and fresh from exhilarating wins at Uttoxeter and Warwick in February.

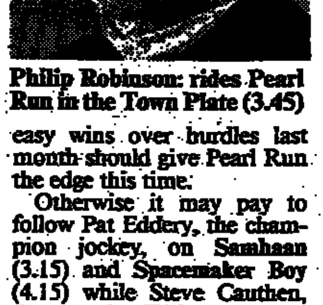
In the early half of last season Pearl Run scored twice on the Flat at Warwick and Nottingham, before just failing to win the Chester Cup. His chance this afternoon is best assessed on that fast-finishing second to Western Dancer at Chester and a highly creditable second to Ore at Haydock afterwards.

As Ibn Majed is nothing like the force on the Flat that he is over hurdles, I am looking to Accuracy, Fedra and Alarm Call to form the hard core of my nap's opposition.

Now the top weight following Brunico's overnight withdrawal, Accuracy has won twice over today's course and distance so there are clearly no flaws in her stamina. However, her temperament has become a bit suspect of late and she had a hard race over hurdles at Cheltenham only nine days ago.

Like Pearl Run, Alarm Call is also fit and fresh after a successful spell of hurdling. In this instance, though, I am more afraid of Fedra from Lord John FitzGerald's Newmarket stable.

Like Pearl Run, she has shown good form on soft ground at the start of the season. And she has also won over this distance. However, the benefit derived from those easy wins over hurdles last month should give Pearl Run the edge this time.



Philip Robinson: rides Pearl Run in the Town Plate (3.45)

Otherwise it may pay to follow Pat Eddery, the champion jockey, on Samhaan (3.15) and Spacemaker Boy (4.15) while Steve Cauthen, the man that Eddery deposed, should at least manage to give Barry Hills his first winner from Manton when he partners Accompanist in the French Gate Maiden Stakes.

Placed behind Roundlet at Newbury and Invited Guest at Newmarket in his only races as a two-year-old, Accompanist looks in a different class to his rivals this afternoon. However, that is likely to be reflected by his starting price.

On the jumping front, Ballyhane and Elvercone stand out as sound invest,ents in the two divisions of the Alvescot Novices' Hurdle at Newbury where the Queen Mother's useful nine-year-old, Sun Rising, is my idea of the likely winner of the Woodhay Handicap Chase.

After spending his formative years in Ireland, Ballyhane (2.0) certainly ran well enough in his first race in this country when second to Jack's Luck at Lingfield to suggest that his new owner, Jim Joel, should not have to wait too long before he wins.

Likewise Elvercone (4.30) has done enough in his only races over hurdles this season to fan the flames of hope that a win for him too is just around the corner.

Instead of riding for Tim Forster at Newbury, Hywel Davies will be at Ludlow where the course and distance winner Wyford can reward those who take what looks like a significant hint by winning the Bitterley Novices' Chase.

Finally, Norstown still does not look over-burdened in the Henley Hall Gold Cup even though his weight includes a penalty for winning at Wincanton earlier this month.

LUDLOW

Selections

By Mandarin
2.30 Princess Isis. 3.0 Northern Gambler. 3.30 Wyford. 4.0 Norstown. 4.30 Ship Of State. 5.0 Broad Beam.

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

2.30 BUTTS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,870: 3m) (16 runners)

3 30-F ROCK CANDY 2 Mrs P Jones 11-11-6 Mr D Stephens
4 -041 PRINCESS ISIS 25 (D,F,S) B Forsey 9-11-5 J Duggan
5 1UF0 YELLOW STAG 30 (S) R Francis 7-10-12 S J O'Neill
6 BP3- TIGER TED 322 P Bailey 7-10-11 P Dever
9 -2001 DYLAN'S PRIDE 13 (S) D Barons 8-10-11 (5ex) P Nicholls
10 UF12 AQUILIFER 18 (S) D Murray-Smith 7-10-10 C Brown
11 34F0 LING 32 (G,S) P Harris 9-10-8 R Stronge
12 3024 TOPHATTER 16 R Hodges 7-10-8 B Powell
13 -U1F SWIFT RETORT 34 (C,S) T Forster 7-10-8 H Davies
14 4-3U INDIAN RANGE 57 Mrs M Rimell 7-10-6 S Morshead
15 8F82 SPARTAN NATIVE 22 A W Jones 7-10-4 P Croucher
16 0300 TROUT ANGLER 7 Miss P O'Connor 6-10-4 E Waite
17 U000 CANTABILE 13 (C,G,S) Lady S Brooke 8-10-4 F Rafferty (7)
18 6P00 LITTLE MYND 23 (F) G Jones 8-10-3 G Jones
20 6040 COME ON SONNY 13 K White 8-10-1 K Doolan
21 -4PF MR PINKERTON 25 N Gaselee 8-10-1 A Adams (7)

5-2 Dylan's Pride, 4-1 Indian Range, 11-2 Princess Isis, 6-1 Swift Retort, 13-2 Spartan Native, 10-1 Tophatter.

3.0 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (£1,652: 2m) (18)

2 6P00 FIB 15 (B,D,F) T Greathead 5-11-10 Mr L Lay (7)
5 PPP CARRIGEEN CASTLE 23 J Cosgrave 7-11-0 T Pinfield (7)
6 60 CHERRY BRAVE 14 R Francis 6-11-0 S J O'Neill
8 -00 CORNISH SPRING 27 J Edwards 5-11-0 T Morgan
9 000F DANNY'S LUCK 14 D Barons 5-11-0 P Nicholls
10 P0 FINBARR 11 N Painting 5-11-0 S Lovejoy (7)
13 -400 I'M SOMEBODY 91 R Hodges 5-11-0 W Irvine (7)
16 000 KING SEAR 11 R Dickin 5-11-0 C Jones
17 KNIGHTS GROVE M Oliver 5-11-0 R Dunwoody
21 0203 NORTHERN GAMBLER 29 S Mellor 5-11-0 G Landau (4)
22 P PRIDE HILL 87 (G) D Barons 5-11-0 —
23 P0 RAPPAHANNOCK 14 P W Harris 5-11-0 R Stronge
25 -0 SIR WAGER 25 C Trietline 6-11-0 J Bryan
26 2 SUNSET VALLEY 32 T Forster 5-11-0 H Davies
32 60- WREKIN BOUND 322 A Brisbourne 5-11-0 M Brisbourne
34 0000 KESSIE-BEE 38 A Chamberlain 6-10-9 P Farrell (4)
38 0 RUSTYS SPECIAL S R Brown 5-10-9 J Brown (7)
40 -PF0 SPACE KATE 46 E Evans 5-10-9 P Warner

15-8 Sunset Valley, 9-2 Northern Gambler, 5-1 I'm Somebody, 11-2 Kessie-Bee, 7-1 Danny's Luck, 8-1 Knights Grove, 10-1 Pride Hill.

3.30 BITTERLEY NOVICE CHASE (£2,021: 2m 4f) (16)

3 2313 BRYMA 13 (B,S) B Palling 7-11-10 C Evans (4)
4 1822 JIMMY EDWARDS 9 (BF,S) Dr D Chesney 6-11-10 Dr D Chesney
7 012F WYFORD 14 (CD,S) T Forster 10-11-10 H Davies
11 0-FP BOARDMANS STYLE 1 C Holmes 9-11-3 NON—RUNNER
13 0000 CRITICAL PATH 34 (F,S) J King 8-11-3 S McNeill
15 0-03 DOBSONS CHOICE 7 (F,S) E Evans 9-11-3 P Warner
17 0044 FOLLY HILL 13 (B,G) G Thorner 7-11-3 —
18 0000 GARA ROCK 6 D Barons 6-11-3 —
20 PP3P GRAGARA PRIDE 9 (F,S) P O'Connor 10-11-3 —
25 000P LAST KIT 2 K White 6-11-3 W Morris
26 0000 LAURA'S PRIDE 22 (F,S) C Wildman 10-11-3 S Gilmour (7)
30 P304 NODALOTTE 17 J Spearing 7-11-3 NON—RUNNER
34 4032 STEVASA 6 (S) D Barons 8-11-3 P Nicholls
37 /00P TOM'S WHATSISNAME 120 W R Williams 6-11-3 J Doyle (4)
39 -P00 MISTY PARK 22 G Jones 8-10-12 G Jones
40 3P/B ROSA RULER 10 (F) I Wardle 9-10-12 R Stronge

11-4 Wyford, 100-30 Bryma, 9-2 Jimmy Edwards, 5-1 Stevasa, 6-1 Dobsons Choice, 8-1 Nodalotte, 10-1 Folly Hill.

4.0 HENLEY HALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,689: 2m) (14)

1 0036 TACHADOR 13 (D,S) R Hodges 6-11-10 W Irvine (7)
4 -F01 NORSTOWN 15 (D,F,S) R Holder 5-11-1 (7ex) N Coleman
5 204- KADESH 328 (D,F) Mrs M Jackson 6-10-13 R Crank
7 0001 SEA PENNANT 6 (D,F,S) I R Jones 11-10-11 (7ex) C Evans (4)
9 0000 STORMY MONARCH 6 (D,G,S) G Jones 6-10-7 G Jones
10 0-09 SOMERS HEIR 35 (D,G) D Wintle 12-10-5 A Carroll
11 1/0- AYAD 466 (G) S Christian 7-10-4 R Beggan
13 0300 FLOWER OF TINTERN 7 (D,G) D Ringer 5-10-0 D Murphy
14 00P0 ROYAL MANX 6 (B,CD,F) B Palling 10-10-0 C Evans
16 /0-0 WALK IN RHYTHM 161 Mrs A Price 6-10-0 Miss L Wallace
17 2000 WHISKY GO GO 21 (S) Miss R Harser 11-10-0 C Cox
18 3/PP BAJAN BOY 22 (CD,F) C Wildman 7-10-0 S Gilmour (7)
19 4-00 SWEETWATER LASS 121 R Dickin 5-10-0 C Jones
21 002P TENDER GIFT 109 T Morton 7-10-0 B Powell

2-1 Norstown, 9-4 Sea Pennant, 5-1 Ayad, 8-1 Kadesh, 10-1 Somers Heir, Tachador, 14-1 others.

4.30 LONGMYND NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £954: 2m) (17 runners)

8 002 DESERT OF WIND 22 R Hollinshead 10-12 P Dever
9 60 DIC TAROUIN 90 G Jones 10-12 G Jones
10 0 FIBREGUIDE TECH 7 J Berry 10-12 N Doughty
15 MASTER MILTON (B) A Brisbourne 10-12 M Brisbourne
19 0F RATHAL 22 D Nicholson 10-12 R Dunwoody
20 P090 RICKESTON LAD 23 B Palling 10-12 C Evans (4)
24 P SAXON BAZAAR 176 M Wilkinson 10-12 G McCourt
25 SHIP OF STATE S Christian 10-12 R Beggan
27 0600 STARDUST ROC 23 J M Bradley 10-12 G Davies
28 4330 STORMGUARD 90 A Turnell 10-12 S Knight
29 0036 TINAS LAD 31 J Edwards 10-12 T Morgan
32 4 WARNER FOR FITNESS 64 (BF) M Pipe 10-12 —
35 3004 AUNT ISMAY 15 Mrs M Rimell 10-7 D Browne
36 BOLD PORTIA Miss S Bather 10-7 —
37 PP0 LA BELLE OF SANTO 7 B Wells 10-7 Mr M Darby
39 030 PATCHOULI'S PET 130 W Morris 10-7 W Morris
41 0 SHY HIKER 15 R Dickin 10-7 C Jones

5-2 Desert Of Wind, 3-1 Stormguard, 5-1 Ship Of State, 6-1 Warner For Fitness, 8-1 Tina's Lad, 10-1 Aunt Ismay.

5.0 ASTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,211: 2m) (12)

1 U3BP AKRAM 2 (BF,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-11-10 C Brown
2 2081 BROAD BEAM 6 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-9 (5ex) J Bryan
3 2440 HOPE END 10 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 9-11-8 C Jones
4 1220 WIGGBURN 126 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 8-11-5 M Williams
6 3400 THE WELDER 6 (D,F,G,S) C Jackson 9-11-1 R Hyett
7 00P- KING'S JUG 310 (CD,G,S) A Turnell 9-10-12 S Knight
9 3244 DENNIS AUBURN 13 (CD,F,G,S) R Francis 10-10-1 S J O'Neill
10 P000 MARINA STAR 15 (V,CD,F,G,S) O O'Neill 8-10-0 A Webb
12 30U4 FARE LOVE 44 (G) E Evans 8-10-0 P Warner
13 -230 ABOUSHABUN 10 (D,F,S) G Ham 7-10-0 B Powell
17 00U0 BLACK EARL 14 (F,S) I Wardle 10-10-0 R Stronge
18 000B DANCE OF LIFE 32 (F) P Hamer 8-10-0 Mr A Walton

11-8 Broad Beam, 4-1 Dennis Auburn, 11-2 Wiggburn, 7-1 Hope End, 8-1 The Welder, 10-1 Marina Star, 12-1 Akram.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: T Forster, 19 winners from 76 runners, 25.0%; M Pipe, 10 from 48, 20.8%; J Edwards, 13 from 68, 19.1%; Mrs M Rimell, from 15 80, 18.8%; R Hollinshead, 9 from 49, 18.4%; D Barons, 7 from 52, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: P Croucher, 5 winners from 21 rides, 23.8%; H Davies, 20 from 96, 20.8%; S Morshead, 15 from 87, 17.2%; A Webb, 5 from 39, 12.8%; P Warner, 11 from 87, 12.6%; M Williams, 5 from 41, 12.2%.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Doncaster

Going: going: soft (straight course); good to soft (round)

2.45 (5f) 1, GREAT CHADDINGTON (J Carroll, 16-1); 3, Drag Artist (K Darley, 14-1); 3, True Fact (T Quinn, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Crafty Chris (6th), 7-2 Geega, 4 Right Path, 6 Chummy's Choice, Snake Eye, 13-2 Erris Express, 10 Balidarius, 12 Stanstan, 14 Ashlar Boy (4th), Schnot Handler, Sharp Pip, Tzutin (5th). 15 ran. 1½l, ½l, 2½l, 3l, ½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £26.70; £6.00, £5.20, £1.80. DF: £383.90. CSF: £280.95. 1min 05.59sec.

3.15 (5f) 1, FOURWALK (R Hills, 16-1); 2, Bluemede (K Darley, 6-1); 3, Minizen Lass (A Munro, 16-1); 4, Father Time (W R Swinburn, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Rock Machina (5th), 7 Demderise, 10 Micro Love, 12 Moon Indigo, Samleon, 16 Game Feathers, 20 Joe Sugden, Fox Path, Lucedeo, Unity Farm Boy (6th), Pashmina, Oyster Gray. 16 ran. 2½l, hd, 3l, ½l, 1½l. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £41.90; £7.70, £1.10, £2.90, £2.10. DF: £68.60. CSF: £100.88. Tricast: £1404.95. 1min 05.69sec.

3.45 (1m) 1, DR BULASCO (T Williams, 9-1); 2, Resourceful Falcon (W R Swinburn, 3-1); 3, Jazetas (T Ives, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Cresta Auction (4th), 8 Reignbeau; 9 Swift Trooper (6th), 10 Carhue Lady, 12 Kick The Habit (5th), 16 Hard Act, 33 Footstool, 50 Emerald Eagle. 11 ran. 4l, 2l, 1½l, 2½l, 4l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £8.00; £2.10, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £22.70. CSF: £35.63. 1min 46.74sec.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, REGAL STEEL (A Culhane, 10-1); 2, Wildrush (J Lowe, 8-1); 3, Saronicus (S Cauthen, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Folk Dance, 13-2 French Flutter, 7 The Mississipian (4th), 15-2 Rostherne, 11 Greed, 16 Sir Percy, 20 Santella Boy (6th), Floater, Common Farm, Tancred Walk (5th), Kooky's Pet. 14 ran. sh hd, ½l, 3l, ¾l, 10l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £10.70; £2.30, £2.50, £3.00. DF: £48.80. CSF: £83.59. Tricast: £573.74. 2min 44.00sec.

4.45 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, HOMME D'AFFAIRE (J Adams, 4-1); 2, Fourth Tudor (R Carter, 7-2 fav); 3, The Footman (J H Brown, 12-1); 4, Try Scorer (P Hill, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Duelling, 8 Judy's Dowry (5th), 11 Tip-Tap, 12 Lady Attiva, 14 Skyboot, 16 Keep Cool, Pinwiddie (6th), 20 Eplotino, Seamere, 50 Galatch, Record Haulier, Surprise Attack. 16 ran. 2l, 5l, 5l, ¾l, hd. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £1.60, £3.70, £2.10. DF: £7.70. CSF: £18.04. Tricast: £145.71. 2min 20.90sec.

5.15 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, SPRINGWELL (G Carter, 7-1); 2, Just Too Brave (P Robinson, 12-1); 3, Rivart (Gay Kelleway, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Bustamente, 8 Nascracker (4th), Regal Reform, Thorl, Trancendence, 10 Majestic Groom, 11 Shiny Kay, 12 Silk Thread, 14 Indian Love Song (6th), 16 Master Vince (5th), 25 Mrs Mainwaring, Nafil, Rue St Jacques, 33 Cardave, Rogmaney, Padykin, Willie The Moon, Yankee Bond, 50 Bell Weather, Burning Arrow, Eastern Player, Pete Marsh, Sheepscote, C S L Girl, Razzamataz Glory. 28 ran. 1½l, 4l, 2l, 1l, 1½l. G Huffer at Newmarket. Tote: £8.50; £2.50, £5.30, £2.30. DF: £51.00. CSF: £105.68. 2min 20.67sec.
Placepot: £473.90

Towcester

Going: soft

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, RYMER KING (G Mernagh, 5-1); 2, Cockpit Crew (S Sherwood, 9-2 fav); 3, Swiss Nephew (M Kinane, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Pearl King (5th), 13-2 Clear Choice (6th), 10 Little Serenity, 14 King Nimrod (4th), 20 Marsh Princess (pu), San Luigi (f), Solvent, 25 Bay-Em-Vey (pu), Grey Legacy, 33 Taw Crossing, 50 Curraheen Boy (pu), Erostin's Best, Too Hot Ta Trot (pu), Dominon Princess. 17 ran. NR: Two Up. 2½l, hd, nk, 2½l, 15l. J Chugg at Milton-under-Wychwood. Tote: £7.10; £1.90, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £9.90. CSF: £26.61.

3.0 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, SPRINGWOOD BOY (P Croucher, 20-1); 2, Ivor Anthony (S Sherwood, 8-1); 3, Vick The Busker (G McCourt, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Deep And Even (pu), 9-2 Mollington (4th), 6 Royal Harbour (5th), Treyford (pu), 14 Magwa (pu), Raleigh Gazelle (ur), Step This Way (pu), 33 Hardnott (pu), Landed Gent (f), Quarter Town (pu), Shoemender (pu), Square-Rigged (6th). 15 ran. NR: Aufwiedersehen Pet. 1½l, 1l, 12l, 20l, not recorded. K Bailey at East Ilsley. Tote: £22.40; £4.60, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £168.50. CSF: £189.29.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, TOUR DE FORCE (P Scudamore, 6-1); 2, Shipwright (R Chapman, 4-1 fav); 3, Wherry Burn (K Mooney, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 How Now, 11-2 Timurs Double (5th), 7 Whither Goest Thou (f), 10 Auntie Dot, Cassio Lil (4th), Good Afternoon (6th), 14 Caffieri, 33 Four For Uncle, Liberty Walk. 12 ran. NR: Seeyouaround. 8l, 8l; 10l, 12l, ½l. P Makin at Marlborough. Tote: £6.70; £1.90, £1.60, £3.50. DF: £16.20. CSF: £30.43. Tricast: £222.32.

4.0 (3m 190yd ch) 1, ECHO SOUNDER (H Davies, 6-4); 2, Mister Skip (G Mernagh, 20-1); 3, Veleso (S McNeill, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Claude Monet (pu), 100 Three Chances (pu), Playfields (4th). 6 ran. 20l, 10l, 20l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £2.40. DF; £7.60. CSF: £21.60.

4.30 (3m 190yd ch) 1, SELBORNE RAMBLER (Mr I McKie, 10-1); 2, Drops O'Brandy (Miss G Armytage, 7-4 fav); 3, Kate Just (Mr T Grantham, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Greenwood Lad (pu), 11-2 Argil Valley (6th), 8 Edenspring (4th), Rugy, 20 Leading Artist (f), Needwood Nomad (f), 33 Aberwatter (5th), Another Kelly (ur), Coomend (pu), Duke Of Saraguay (pu), Hell Bent (pu), Master What (pu), Pridden Jimmy (f), The Cliftonian (pu), Tandy's Tonic (f). 18 ran. 4l, ½l, 20l, 2l, 3l. J Webber at Banbury. Tote: £9.50; £1.90, £1.80, £4.40. DF: £15.20. CSF: £26.98.

5.0 (2m hdle) 1, MAJESTIC BUCK (R Beggan, 10-1); 2, Chasing The Dragon (S Sherwood, 11-2); 3, Ice Valley (J White, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Fence Judge (pu), 7 White Spring, Ob Father, 8 Lordy Boy (5th), 10 Drowsy (4th), River Blues (6th), 16 Carr Wood (pu), 25 Marsh Flower (f), 33 Another Troup, Boardmans Style, Cecconi (pu), Dudley's Impact (ur), Robert Frost (pu). 16 ran. NR: Bassett Boy, Colonel Nickle. 1l, 15l, 8l, 25l, 2½l. S Christian at Lambourn. Tote: £8.50; £1.80, £3.00, £2.80. DF: £48.30. CSF: £63.34.
Placepot: £184.60

Taunton

Going: good to soft

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Might Move (J Lower, 11-10 fav); 2, Moel Fammau (15-8); 3, Vicaroy Major (8-1). 13 ran. NR: Royal Battery. 2l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.18.

2.45 (2m 1f ch) 1, Fraud Squad (J Frost, 12-1); 2, Super Express (10-1); 3, Averon (7-1). Cradle Of Jazz 7-2 fav. 14 ran. sh hd, 1l, R Hodges. Tote: £10.40; £3.20, £4.30, £3.10. DF: £33.80. CSF: £112.33.

3.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Sunsy Slave (M Bowlby, 9-1); 2, Sporting Mariner (11-4 fav); 3, Maujendor (6-1); 4, En Gounasi Theon (9-1). 3l, 2l. N Henderson. Tote: £7.10; £1.90, £1.40, £1.70, £2.80. DF: £11.40. CSF: £33.43. Tricast: £155.22.

3.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Fleet Footed (M Richards, 9-2); 3, Solent Express (7-1); 3, Whoever (10-1). Patraian 7-2 fav. 14 ran. ¾l, ¾l, P Haynes. Tote: £6.00; £2.60, £2.10, £3.50. DF: £22.10. CSF: £37.57. Tricast: £290.75. After a stewards inquiry result stands.

4.15 (3m 5f ch) 1, Torside (M Perrett, 4-1); 2, Fair Child (2-1 fav); 3, Harvest Fortune (4-1). 9 ran. NR: Bold Aclaim. 12l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £9.50; £3.10, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £12.90. CSF: £12.92. Tricast: £32.59.

4.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, High Ham Blues (S Moore, 9-4); 2, Handy Lane (11-2); 3, Dancing Clara (16-1). Doyle's Express 6-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Bay—Em—Vey. ¾l, 12l. J Fox. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £1.70, £2.90. DF: £9.10. CSF: £14.65.
Placepot: £103.40.

● Selborne Rambler, running for the first time in 18 months made a successful comeback from injury in the Grafton Hunters' Chase at Towcester yesterday, thereby earning a crack at next Friday's REA Bott Foxhunters Chase over Liverpool's Grand National fences.

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 2.45 Icen. 3.15 Hinkley Lane. 3.45 Ace Of Spies. 4.45 Mick Mulligan. 5.15 Vortrack.

هكذا من الأصل

OUTSIDER OF 15 LANDS OPENING RACE AS WIND AND RAIN USHER IN THE NEW FLAT SEASON

Carroll leaves star names trailing in his wake

By George Rae

Nobody could have written a "local boy makes good" story better. The first race of the 1987 Flat season, which like all good heralds of summer opened in driving rain and high wind, was won by the relatively unknown apprentice, John Carroll, on the complete outsider of the 15-horse field, Great Chaddington, in front of his home town crowd.

Carroll, aged 22, had Great Chaddington smartly away and made all, with such notables as Eddery, Carson and Swinburn toiling behind.

It was also a personal landmark for Carroll, who had his apprentices' claim reduced to 5lb after the win. And, of course, he will always remember the day he led the jockeys' table.

Great Chaddington's trainer, Jack Berry, is noted in racing for his ability to prepare two-year-olds to win early and as he observed: "You can't get any earlier than that."

Berry viewed the victory with some relief as well as excitement as he had used Great Chaddington as a yardstick to the ability of the rest of his 27 juveniles.

"If this one hadn't been much good we would have had some moderate horses," he said. The victory was also a triumph for the London-based owner, Charles Fry, making his first venture into racehorse ownership.

Another man developing the habit of early winners is the Barnsley trainer, Steve Norton. He won with his first runner last season, Rove, and followed up with Dr Bulasco in yesterday's big race, the *Racing Post* Mile.

Dr Bulasco, a three-year-old taking on largely older horses, spreadeagled his field as he ran right away from Resourceful Falcon. Norton has Dr Bulasco entered in the Derby and while it is a bit early to be talking about Epsom trials there is little doubt that the colt demonstrated abundant ability.

"I told Tyrone Williams to have him up with the pace all the way because whatever happens he'll finish all right," Norton said. "I wouldn't entirely discount the Derby but we'll take him along gradually.

"I've never had a runner in the Derby. I'd like to take him up in distance to a mile and a quarter first and then on to a mile and a half. We'll look for a group three race first, possibly abroad."

The nine-year-old Regal Steel won the Bertie Bassett Handicap for the third time in six consecutive appearances in the race, a remarkable record of consistency and durability.

He has won 11 races during his career and trainer Reg Hollinshead will now put his versatility to the test by sending him for a novice hurdle at Liverpool next week.

Northern trainers again proved they are more than capable of holding their own against their southern counterparts when Norma Macauley, a self-confessed "struggling trainer for the last few seasons", saddled Fourwalk, the top weight, to win the Raceform Handicap Book Centenary Stakes.

They're off: runners in the Philip Cornes Brocklesby Stakes get the 1987 Flat season under way at Doncaster yesterday

HORSE TRIALS

Veteran may be as good as ever

By Jenny MacArthur

Christopher Bartle has an onerous task ahead of him at today's dressage selection trials at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire. The Yorkshire rider, who at Los Angeles produced the best everOlympic performance by a British rider, has to convince the selectors that his 19-year-old Wily Trout has shaken off the disappointing period he went through at last year's world championships and is now back on the form he showed when coming fourth in the 1985 European championships and sixth at the Los Angeles Olympics.

His performance today could decide whether or not he is included in the team for this summer's European championships at Goodwood — the short list for which will be announced on Monday.

Bartle has no doubts in his own mind about Wily Trout. "I've been treating him like an event horse for the last few months, cantering and jumping him but giving him a complete rest from competitions. He's now as fresh as ever and has got back the enthusiasm he lost last year."

The three other members of last year's world championship team — Jane Bartle-Wilson (Bartle's sister), Jennie Loriston-Clarke and Lady Joicey are all contenders for the team for the European championships. But of the three only Mrs Bartle-Wilson with the 18-year-old, but ever improving Pinocchio, will compete today.

Mrs Loriston-Clarke has her leg in plaster after a cartilage operation two weeks ago and Lady Joicey's Powder Monkey is lame. But on past performances both are likely to be on Monday's list.

RACING

Rich seam of success for 'Flying Coalman'

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Two more winners last Saturday brought the total this season to eight for 26-year-old Nigel Tutty, now only one behind the joint leaders in the point-to-point riding championship.

He was still at primary school in Kirby-in-Cleveland, when taught to ride by a local horse dealer, Mary Dodgson, who also prepared and rode her father's horses in point-to-points.

Young Nigel accompanied her to every meeting and it was not long before he was leading her horse round in the parade ring. "From then on," he says, "all I dreamt about was riding in a point-to-point."

During his years at Stokesley Comprehensive School, he joined the Cleveland Hunt Pony Club and his riding ability was soon recognized as he represented them in the Prince Philip Pony Club Games at eventing and the tetrathon.

In the latter, a competition comprising running, swimming, shooting and riding, Tutty became the northern area champion and held the title for four consecutive years.

The late Albert Sanderson, paralysed in a point-to-point fall at Easingwold in 1973, offered Tutty his first ride in a race at the age of 17. He recalls: "This was on Whiggie Geo at the Cleveland, his first race in a point-to-point as well as mine. My nightmare of falling off at the first fence didn't happen and we trotted up at 33-1."

Amazingly, three weeks ago and nine years later, Whiggie Geo gave Tutty his fiftieth winner. "He is the best horse I will ever sit on. And he's been blind in one eye for the last six years." His enthusiasm for the old warrior is not surprising as the record books shows that 25 of his wins have been on this horse.

Tutty believes that he owes his success entirely to the kindness and loyalty of Sanderson, without whom he could never have started. He is now in demand with other owners and five of this year's successes have been for Hurworth farmer Mike Hills.

Interestingly, the total paid for the three horses on which he has had his eight wins this year amounts to only £2,000 and one of them, Mademist Susie, "is going to be a good'un."

Nicknamed "The Flying Coalman" (he took over a solid fuel business after a few years as an agricultural representative), Tutty's main ambition is to win the Foxhunters at Cheltenham. "But there's probably little chance of that happening unless something is done about professionally-trained horses running in hunter chases," he says. A theme repeated time and time again by all the amateurs.

A more immediate aim is to assist his wife, Karen, presently working as a secretary in the coal-yard, to set up a livery yard for training point-to-pointers.

As stable jockey, this would give him more rides but, with the season shorter in the north, there would still be much less opportunity for him to become, in numerical terms, the champion.

Rymer King gets Chugg off the mark

John Chugg, the Milton-under-Wychwood trainer, finally got off the mark for the season at Towcester yesterday when Rymer King won the first division of the Greens Norton Novices' Hurdle.

The five-year-old took up the running at the fifth flight and plugged on gamely under George Mernagh, coming home 2½ lengths ahead of Cockpit Crew.

The relieved trainer said: "I've had a terrible season. I lost a couple of horses, including my best one, Royscript, who was killed during a race. I've turned most of the others out now because they've had a virus.

"Rymer King is a nice young horse who will go chasing next season. He really needs good ground and is a lovely mover."

● With on course betting tax abolished as from Monday, the Tote have followed suit and will make a corresponding reduction in deductions from all racecourse Tote pools, starting on Monday.

RUGBY UNION

Allowances bring solace for South African cause

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

As the delegates to this year's annual meeting of the International Rugby Football Board, concluded on Wednesday, took wing for home, several could justifiably smile as broadly as did Ross Turnbull, of Australia, during the final press briefing. Australia extracted what they wanted from the meeting, which was the additional tour allowance; but South Africa must have been reasonably happy with their reception.

Danie Craven, the senior representative on the board, stepped down from the chairmanship to avoid any controversy during the World Cup in Australasia this summer. His country, however, will offer the vice-chairman next year and will occupy the chair in 1989; the new rotation of chairmen sees France in office this year, England (1988), South Africa (1989), Scotland (1990), Australia (1991, the next projected World Cup year), Ireland (1992), New Zealand (1993) and Wales (1994).

A certain significance can be read into this since the South African Rugby Board celebrate their centenary in 1989 and will be desperate for an overseas touring side to visit during that year. Though no amendment has been made to the current schedule of tours, Dr Craven told his IB colleagues that the game in South Africa needs external support in order to maintain interest and stability.

He accepted the reasons why tours by member unions had not taken place in recent years — the last visitors were England in 1984, though the unofficial party from New Zealand toured last summer — but the IB's tours committee recognised the progress made by South Africa and expressed the hope that this would lead to participation by South Africa in the schedule of tours.

In so doing the board members were "comforted" by the actions already taken by the South African Rugby Board in altering its by-laws to ensure proper control of the game throughout the republic. The SARB reaffirmed their undertaking that unauthorised tours such as that by the New Zealand Cavaliers would not take place again and, unless further information is forthcoming, there will be no action taken on that controversial episode.

All of which suggests that South Africa have now established considerable credit with the board. In the light of that, and of the support which South Africa must have offered to the "Australian dispensation" over tours, it will be fascinating to watch developments later this year as far as an Australian tour to South Africa is concerned.

In connection with the World Cup one of the main sponsors, Rank Xerox, announced yesterday a player of the series award for the best player from each of the home countries and France; the club of each winner will receive £200 and the club of the overall player of the tournament will receive £1,000.

In the meantime, what of those countries who may be deemed to have "lost" during the International Board meeting — England and Scotland, who had announced their opposition to the new tour allowance? The view was expressed during the board meeting that England would be in a better position to influence world opinion if her playing record was stronger.

Other countries, particularly those seeking associate membership, will not unnaturally want to identify with a successful playing style, that of Australia, of France and of New Zealand, whose standards seldom vary. When England achieve a similar consistency, then her board representatives may be in a stronger negotiating position.

Albert Ferrasse, IB chairman this year who will host the board's next meeting in his home town of Agen in November, brought a hard-headed business element to the meeting when he said of the tours allowance: "I don't think we should get this out of proportion. We are not talking about a goldmine here." He added, not altogether sotto voce, when it was suggested that England and Scotland had the discretion not to apply the new regulation, that "you have to respect the rules or you get out of the club." He may have been referring to unofficial tours but somehow I do not think so.

The bridge of small comfort

By Keith Macklin

The approval of the free movement of "genuine amateurs" between the rugby codes does not close the great divide between amateur and professional rugby. However, it does provide a bridge for the innocent victims of the cold war which began in 1895, when 22 Northern Rugby Union clubs broke away to form their own body, in which payment was allowed for time lost at work. Eventually this became full-blown professionalism and the bitter years of sporting apartheid and ostracism began.

It seems ironic that the international Rugby Football Board should give muted sanction to broken-time payments at international level at a time when Rugby League amateurs are at last given freedom of movement. The Board members must have realised that to allow one without the other would have been crass hypocrisy.

The British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA) salutes the decision as a "momentous breakthrough in the relationship between the two handling codes." It will remove the silly and manifestly unjust law which forbade an amateur Rugby League player from playing for his local rugby union club, even if he bore no trace of the taint of professionalism.

Now, as Maurice Oldroyd, the BARLA national administrator, sums it up, a lad from Leeds can play rugby union for Headingley or Roundhay one day and rugby league for Milford the next day. There is no further need for subterfuges like fake names, or half truths or embarrassing confrontations between officials and players who hated the need for bans and closed doors.

Wednesday's decision will surely make for a warmer and less stressful relationship between the codes, particularly in the north of England, where friendships between players and officials are often so natural that the more inflexible and intransigent rugby union attitudes have long been a source of frusuration and irritation. Famous players like Bill Beaumont, Steve Smith and Fran Cotton have always mixed happily with their Rugby League counterparts and have made no secret of their liking for the 13-a-side game.

Perhaps the decisions made by the international board will reach further than a mere acceptance of inevitable compromise. We may have seen the end of shameful scenes like David Watkins being refused permission to tread on the Cardiff Arms Park turf where he once captained Wales, and the lesser known Steve Ford being banned from Rugby Union because he played a couple of unproductive trials with Leeds.

1895: Breakaway Northern Union formed. Rugby Union closed door on all connected with professionalism.
1972-73: British Amateur Rugby League Association formed.
1975: BARLA meet Minister for Sport, Denis Howell.
1979: Sports Council chairman Dick Jeeps calls BARLA "sporting success of the 'Seventies."
1982: Free gangway for students agreed if "part of academic curriculum."
1986: Meeting between Bob Beal, president of BARLA and Dennis Shuttleworth, then president of the RFU.
1987: IRFB sanctions free movement between amateurs of both codes.

Millfield can do no wrong in sevens

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Before their triumph at the Rosslyn Park Sevens, Millfield had made their presence felt at Hereford where they won the Herefordshire Schools Invitation Sevens, beating St Cyres, Penarth 6-4. The under-16 tournament was won by Plymouth College, who beat Belmont Abbey (10-0) in the final.

Tomorrow Oxfordshire RFU hold their 34th National Schools Sevens Tournament, which is probably the biggest one-day event of its kind; 105 schools have entered and there will be over 250 games.

Dollar Academy are probably the outstanding Scottish school this winter, a fact that they will be intent on demonstrating at the Preston International XV Aside Festival; they have been strong for some time as their record over the past four seasons proves. They have lost only nine games in this period, scoring 2,600 points in the process to 260 conceded.

The final of the Bank of Scotland Schools Cup at Myreside was keenly contested by Kelso HS and Dunblane HS. Dunblane were condemned to the role of bridesmaids for the third successive year, losing their third final 13-10, despite a strong second half performance with the wind behind them. Kelso scored their 13 points in the first half and then hung on grimly.

As reported in these columns, the Ulster Schools' Cup was won for a record 25th time by Methodist College 10-9 though it needed a try, almost in injury-time, to whisk the lead away from Bangor Grammar School.

Edinburgh Academy won the Golden Acre Sevens at Heriot's, beating Loretto (18-6), Fettes (16-0), Merchiston Castle (16-8) in the semi-finals and George Watson's (26-8) in the final. Edinburgh had lost to Fettes the previous week, in the second round of the Merchiston Sevens, but Fettes were beaten in the semi-final by Merchiston, who went down 10-6 to Glasgow Academy in the final.

The highly successful St Bees side is touring Yugoslavia this spring. They leave Heathrow on March 30 and will play three matches before returning on April 6.

The England 18 Group selectors have chosen the following team to meet Scotland at Hartlepool Rovers on Tuesday.

ENGLAND 18 GROUP: G J Thompson (Whitgift School); W M C Henderson (Sherborne School), D J Rignall (Cowley HS), D R J Dooley (Campion School), T Underwood (Barnard Castle School); N Canning (RGS Guildford), B P Fenley (Pate's GS, capt); J M Priestley (Bradford GS), R Martin (St Joseph's Academy, Blackheath), J M Dent (Durham School), A E Phillips (Bancroft School), M O Johnson (Robert Smythe Upp School), G A E Robinson (Trent Coll), N A Back (The Woodlands School), A W Milward (Purley HS).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Fourth division
Southend v Orient (7.45)
Stockport v Cambridge
Swansea v Halifax

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Norwich v West Ham.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS: Rosslyn Park/Diners Club national schools seven-a-side competition (at Rosslyn Park).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division women: Portsmouth Heatseal v Ashcombe (8.30).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Hull open championship (at Hull and East Riding SC, 6.0).
BOWLS: World indoor pairs championship (at Bournemouth).
REAL TENNIS: World championship challenge (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship: Qualifying rounds (at Guildhall, Preston).
SQUASH RACKETS: Inter Schools competition (at London South Bank SC, Vauxhall); Ascot Oxfordshire women's open (at Thame).
TENNIS: Royal Bank junior indoor winter series (at Surrey T and CG, Croydon).

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: Midland Bank World indoor pairs championship, Bournemouth. BBC2: 2.15, 4.30 and 11.35pm.
RACING: 2.45, 3.15, 3.45 and 4.15 races from Doncaster. C4: 2.30pm.

Hole in one

Underground golf comes to London on April 14 and 15 when an open putting competition is to be held at the Aldgate Barrs shopping centre, beneath the Sedgwick Centre between Aldgate and Aldgate East tube stations.

BOXING

Jones is forced to retire

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Colin Jones, the 28-year-old former undefeated British, European and Commonwealth welterweight champion, retired from the ring yesterday beaten by a back injury. Jones wanted to carry on boxing to challenge Lloyd Honeyghan for the world title, but a London specialist advised him to call it a day.

Jones's manager, Eddie Thomas, said: "He would have loved to have worked for a fight with Honeyghan, but the specialist advised him not to carry on and I am glad he listened to good advice."

Jones boxed three times for the world title and came close to lifting it twice — against Milton McCrory, of the United States, the first time drawing in Reno in 1981, the second time being outpointed in Las Vegas in 1983. On both occasions he had McCrory almost out in the seventh and ninth rounds respectively.

His third world title bout, in 1985 against Donald Curry, was stopped by the referee after Jones suffered a severe cut on the bridge of his nose. In the two years following that defeat he tried to come back twice, but each time his back let him down. Jones, who lives in Gorseinon, near Swansea, made $1 million out of his three world title bouts, but he has never lost his homely Welsh manner.

Jones had 30 contests, won 26, lost three and drew one. He had the hardest punch in Britain and knocked out Kirkland Laing, the present British welterweight champion, twice. Jones says his most memorable bouts were his first contests with Laing and McCrory. "Because I was the underdog against Laing, and when I fought McCrory I thought it was something for a Welshman to go to America and get a draw."

An outstanding amateur in the mid-seventies, Jones wontwo ABA welterweight titles and boxed, at the age of 17, in the 1976 Olympic Games and European championships.

CRICKET

Miandad seals it with a flourish

Jamshedpur (Reuter) — Javed Miandad hit towering sixes from the first two balls of the last over to complete Pakistan's five-wicket victory over India in the sixth and final one-day international. Pakistan scored 266 for five in reply to India's 44-over total of 265 for three.

India, already 4-1 down in the series, could hardly have made a better start. Manoj Prabhakar and Sunil Gavaskar put on 154 for the first wicket — a record in limited-over matches between the two countries. Neither was troubled by pace nor spin on the firm, well-grassed pitch afterImran Khan had asked India to bat first.

Gavaskar, playing his 99th one-day international, entertained a crowd of 25,000 with delicate glances and powerful drives before falling for 69, to a catch by Manzoor Elahi off leg-spinner Abdul Qadir. He hit six fours.

Prabhakar was more restrained after Gavaskar's dismissal, but went on to his first century in one-day matches, shortly after off-spinner Tauseef Ahmed had claimed Raman Lamba for nine.

Prabhakar's solid innings came to an end when he was bowled by Wasim Akram for 106, which included 13 fours. Dilip Vengsarkar then controlled the remainder of the innings, striking six fours in an unbeaten 54.

Pakistan's opening pair Rameez Raja and Ijaz Ahmed provided a sound platform with a partnership of 52 before Kapil Dev sent back Rameez. Ijaz, dropped at 29 off Maninder Singh, went on to 72 from 80 balls before he fell to the same bowler.

Miandad then took up the assault. His unbeaten 78 proved decisive, with the spectacular finish at the expense of the off-spinner Gopal Sharma, as Pakistan confirmed their superiority over the World Cup holders.

INDIA

S M Gavaskar c Manzoor b Qadir	69
M Prabhakar b Wasim	106
R M Lamba b Tauseef	9
D B Vengsarkar not out	54
R J Shastri not out	10
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 7, nb 2)	17
Total (3 wkts, 44 overs)	265

M Azharuddin, *Kapil Dev, R R Kulkarni, †S Viswanath, G Sharma and Maninder Singh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-154, 2-171, 3-247.

BOWLING: Imran 10-1-55-0; Saleem 7-0-45-0; Qadir 10-0-52-1; Wasim 10-0-63-1; Tauseef 5-0-31-1; Manzoor 2-0-11-0.

PAKISTAN

Ramiz Raja c Viswanath b Kapil	28
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Maninder	72
Salim Malik lbw b Kulkarni	13
Javed Miandad not out	78
*Imran Khan c Azharuddin b Sharma	23
Manzoor Elahi b Kapil Dev	18
Wasim Akram not out	12
Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 3, nb 6)	22
Total (5 wkts, 43.2 overs)	266

†Salim Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmed and Saleem Jaffer did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-81, 3-140, 4-195, 5-247.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 9.2-0-42-2; Prabhakar 6-0-36-0; Kulkarni 5-0-27-1; Maninder 10-0-45-1; Shastri 7-0-48-0; Sharma 6-0-55-1.

Frustration for Kiwis

Wellington, New Zealand (Reuter) — A rain-sodden outfield at the Basin Reserve forced the cancellation yesterday of the third one-day international between New Zealand and West Indies, who were left with a winning 2-0 lead in the four-match series.

Rain again prevented the match taking place yesterday after bad weather also prevented play on Wednesday.

New Zealand have made one change for the final match at Christchurch tomorrow. John Wright, who pulled a hamstring in the second game at Auckland last Saturday, returns in place of Evan Gray, the all-rounder, though the opening batsman faces a fitness test.

Gray was brought into the squad here as cover for Stephen Boock, the left-arm spinner, who also damaged a hamstring at Auckland. Wright's replacement for the cancelled third match, Ken Rutherford, keeps his place in the party.

NEW ZEALAND SQUAD: J V Coney (captain), J G Wright, K R Rutherford, P A Horne, M D Crowe, J J Crowe, D N Patel, J G Bracewell, R J Hadlee, E B McSweeney, M D Snedden, S L Boock, E J Chatfield.

REAL TENNIS

A sport in debt to its champion

By William Stephens

Chris Ronaldson begins his third defence of the world championship at Queen's Club today, his challenger, as in 1983 and 1985, being Wayne Davies, 31, from Geelong, Australia.

Ronaldson, 37, head professional at Hampton Court Palace, won the world title from Howard Angus in 1981 and has also amassed seven British, five Australian, five French and three United States open singles championships.

After intending to become a lawn tennis coach, having played for Oxfordshire, he was drawn to real tennis by the game's complexity and began his apprenticeship under Peter Dawe, at Oxford, in 1971.

Ronaldson moved to the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club in 1973, then returned to Troon in 1979. It was there that his missionary zeal first made its mark on the British game. In the space of a year he increased court usage from six hours per week to 80, before moving on to Hampton Court.

In 1982 he launched a rescue operation to save the ailing Bordeaux club, which was facing bankruptcy, by putting together a management team of British professionals. Most recently he has led a consortium which bought the court at Holyport, near Maidenhead.

Ronaldson, unassuming and quiet of temperament is interested not only in his length of tenure as world champion but also the number of times he defends it. He would like to surpass Pierre Etchebaster who defended seven times.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Promotion race on in earnest

By Paul Newman

The race for the Southern League championship and promotion to the GM Vauxhall Conference is heading for a photo-finish. Although Dartford, pacemakers for much of the season, have fallen out of contention in recent weeks, both Aylesbury United and Bromsgrove Rovers are threatening to catch Fisher Athletic, the current leaders, before the finishing line.

Fisher are nine points clear at the top of the Premier Division, but Aylesbury and Bromsgrove have five and four games in hand respectively. Moreover, Fisher's last two league results — a 1-1 draw at Cambridge City and a 2-1 defeat at home to Corby Town — have given encouragement to their pursuers.

Dogan Arif, the Fisher manager, admits that his side have been showing signs of nerves. "It is hardly surprising because we've never been in this position before," he said. "Nerves can affect the best professional sides and we've just got to try to defuse the situation. I may bring in one or two players who have been on the fringe of the first team. If they feel they are playing for their places they may give us the final push we need.

"I know we can be caught, but I wouldn't swap our position for anybody else's. Aylesbury could be a threat and I rate them more highly than Bromsgrove, but they have a very tough programme and I expect them to start cracking up soon."

Aylesbury's promotion campaign is being threatened by their progress in cup competitions. They are through to the quarter-finals of the Bill Dellow Cup and the semi-finals of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup and last night were playing Maidstone United in the quarter-finals of the GMAC Cup. The pressure is already beginning to tell. Tuesday's 4-4 draw after extra time away to Slough Town in the county cup left three players injured, including Cliff Hercules, the league's leading scorer.

Trevor Gould, the Aylesbury manager, said: "Promotion is obviously our priority, but I'm not regretting our cup success. Although we face a very difficult run-in, you get into a habit of winning and I wouldn't want to change that."

Bromsgrove's resources are being similarly tested. They are through to the semi-finals of both the Bill Dellow Cup and the Worcestershire Senior Cup and, like Aylesbury, they run a first team squad of only 15 players. Fisher, with only eight league games left and no cup distractions, have a 20-man squad available.

Bobby Hope, the Bromsgrove manager, said: "London clubs generally have far more players available to them because they pay a lot more. Fisher has been able to afford a lot of former professionals and have real strength in depth. I'm not complaining, but we have just 12 regular first team players and three youngsters as cover."

Arif, who has almost completely rebuilt his side this season, said: "If they want to win things, southern clubs have to pay players well because of the competition in terms of wages from other clubs. We tend to have the better players, but the Midlands sides are hungrier for success. This league gets more difficult to win every year and the fact that Dartford and Fareham are both in the FA Trophy semi-finals shows how much our standards have risen."

Fisher hope to welcome back David Fry, their regular goalkeeper, for their trip tomorrow to Fareham. The former Gillingham and Crystal Palace player was injured playing against King's Lynn a fortnight ago and has missed the club's last two League games through injury.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE STANDINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fisher	34	21	9	4	62	23	72
Aylesbury	29	19	6	4	58	28	63
Bromsgrove	30	18	8	4	65	29	62
Dartford	34	17	9	8	67	29	60

HOCKEY

Isca chase decade of dominance

By Sydney Friskin

Isca are in sight of winning the premier division championship in the Sun Life West League for the tenth successive year. A draw with Plymouth tomorrow will bring their total points to 29, the same as Taunton Vale, the leaders, but Isca have a better goal difference. Should Isca lose to Plymouth, CS Bath Buccaneers may snatch the title if they beat Firebrands by a four-goal margin — a tall order.

East Grinstead have completed their fixtures in the premier division of the McEwans Lager South League with a total of 38 points, but Indian Gymkhana can overhaul them with maximum points from their two remaining matches.

Old Loughtonians must beat Westcliff tomorrow by at least three clear goals to be on equal terms with Cambridge City, the leaders in the premier division of the Norwich Union East League. These teams will then be equal in points and goal difference and the title will be decided by a play-off.

The issue in the premier division of the Pizza Express London League is still wide open. Guildford, the leaders, complete their fixtures tomorrow with a match against Bromley and could take their total of points to 19. But on their heels are Slough who could draw level if they win their two remaining matches against Teddington on April 4 and Surbiton on April 11. Southgate, too, have a chance if Guildford and Slough drop points on the way.

MODERN PENTATHLON

Phelps fifth but honours for Lawrence

By Michael Coleman

Jason Lawrence, a junior last year, paid his own way to the season first senior contest,the San Antonio international in Texas, and finished an unbeleivable seventh with 5,432pts. The Olympic champion, Daniele Masala, was 12th (5,362) and the world champion, Carlo Massullo, both Italians. 29th (5,108)

The organisers were so impressed that Lawrence was awarded the cup for outstanding sportsmanship. Had Lawrence been in the official team, Britain would have finished third instead of fifth.

Joel Bouzou, of France, won with the enormous score of 5,610pts edging out the top two Soviet competitors, Igor Schvarts (5,588) and Anatoliy Avdeyev (5,565). Richard Phelps, handicapped by a modest 186 shooting score, ended fifth with 5,512. Only Milan Kadlec outpaced Peter Hart in the run

VOLLEYBALL

Walk-out by Whitburn

Whitburn, one of Scotland's most established clubs, have withdrawn their team from the women's first division of the Scottish League, in protest at the decision by the Scottish Volleyball Association to expel them from the national cup competition.

The West Lothian team, former cup winners, did not fulfil their quarter final fixture with Glasgow Bannerman as they claim they did not have sufficient fit players and the SVA ruled they must forfeit the tie.

هكذا من الإهمال

BOWLS

Holders give a clinical display

By David Rhys Jones

The holders, David Bryant and Tony Allcock, returned to the Bournemouth International Centre in dominating mood yesterday to resume the defence of their Midland Bank world pairs title.

Between Monday's first round game and their quarter-final, against the Newport dockers, Mike Hard and Charles McGhee, the Englishmen had returned to their homes.

Certainly, both like to get away from the rink whenever possible. Be that as it may, there was something charmingly amateur and old-fashioned in their seemingly nonchalant approach.

On their return, however, they gave the week's most clinical display so far of accurate drawing. Bryant and Allcock offered their opponents no chance, denying them even the dignity of going the full distance in all three sets, each of which required only six ends.

RESULTS: Quarter-final: D Bryant and T Allcock (Eng) bt M Hard and C McGhee (Wales) 8-2, 9-3, 7-2.

Boston scent final tonic

One of the most startling results in the *McCarthy and Stone* indoor club championship this season was the 86-57 defeat of Hartlepool by Boston in the quarter-finals (Gordon Allan writes). "I've never seen them play so well," Cliff Bradley, the Boston team manager, said.

Boston, who play City of Ely in the semi-finals at Darlington tomorrow, won this competition in 1951 when it was the Denny Cup; for Ely it is their first appearance at this stage. The winners play either Cyphers or Paddington in the final on Sunday.

GOLF

World's top two set a blistering pace to the roll of thunder

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Ponte Vedra, Florida

Severiano Ballesteros and Greg Norman yesterday eased towards their first confrontation of 1987 as the Tournament Players Championship first round unfolded here in stormy conditions, with officials forced on one occasion to suspend play because of lightning.

By that time Ballesteros had launched an astonishing attack on the treacherous Tournament Players course as he collected five birdies in seven holes to move into contention for the first prize of £112,000.

Not suprisingly this lifted him high onto the leader board after Norman had threatened to steal the early glory by covering his first nine holes in a four-under-par 32.

Ballesteros does not talk openly about wanting a head-to-head tussle with Norman but it is no secret that he was bitterly disappointed at losing his No 1 spot in the Sony world rankings to the Australian last year.

There is no question that Norman was the dominant player in world golf in 1986, when he led each of the four major championships moving into the final round. In truth he won only the Open at Turnberry but he so dominated the arenas around the world, winning on no fewer than ten occasions, that for the first time in his career the charismatic Ballesteros was pushed into the shadows.

Ballesteros, of course, was not helped by the suspension imposed upon him by the US PGA Tour last year. He might have won on six occasions in Europe but he is well aware of the need to compete in the United States, in order to maintain a razor-sharp game. He is back in the fold again this season, albeit as a non-member and therefore limited to only five tour events, but he has already emphasized that he is back in the groove by finishing second in the Doral Open.

Even so, Ballesteros and Norman are competing together in a tournament for the first time this year and so there is much interest focussed upon their confrontation. Norman began in good style when he started from the 10th and followed birdies at the 12th and 13th with another at the long 16th, where he was on the green with a driver and an iron. He holed from 20ft at the 18th — his ninth hole — to complete an enterprising outward half.

Ballesteros, too, began from the 10th hole. He nursed home a putt of 10ft for a birdie at the 12th and, like Norman, made another at the 16th (497 yards) by reaching the green with a driver and a one-iron. He negotiated the 17th hole, a par three of 132 yards which has an island green, by punching an authoritative nine-iron to four feet for a two. However, he struck a wayward approach to drop a shot at the 18th and he turned in 34.

The Spaniard drove into a bunker at the first — his 10th hole — but he produced an immaculate recovery onto the green and from 15 ft he made his birdie. That shot appeared to inspire Ballesteros as he then chipped to four feet for another birdie at the next and moved to five under par, and one ahead of Norman, with another birdie at the fourth, before the thunder and lightning forced the officials to momentarily suspend play.

Ken Brown, who is enjoying his finest start to a United States season, had by then completed a solid opening round of 71. He produced his best golf towards the end of the round. He had set off from the 10th, turning in a one over par 37, but he hit a four-iron to eight feet for a birdie at the fifth and a three-iron to 12 ft for another at the seventh. He allowed another opportunity to escape when he hit a two-iron to five feet at the eighth.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	388	4	10	395	4
2	511	5	11	529	5
3	162	3	12	336	4
4	360	4	13	172	3
5	454	4	14	438	4
6	381	4	15	426	4
7	439	4	16	497	5
8	215	3	17	132	3
9	582	5	18	440	4
Out	3,492	36	In	3,365	36

Total yardage: 6,857 Par: 72

Sunny smiles for steady Stewart

By Patricia Davies

Gillian Stewart, of Scotland, is the lone female survivor in the 46th Sunningdale Open foursomes, but she is far from being the token woman. She and David Huish, the new vice-captain of the PGA, were steadiness personified to reach the semi-finals and beat Ross Whitehead (Moor Park) and Lawrence Farmer (West Middlesex) by five and four on the Old Course yesterday.

Miss Stewart, fourth in the WPGA Order of Merit last season, was not born when Whitehead won this event with Brian Huggett in 1957, and there must have been occasions yesterday when he wished that at least she had not bothered to take up the game.

At the 172-yard eighth hole, Miss Stewart hit a two-iron to 25ft and Whitehead charged his 40 footer 12ft past and he and Farmer took three putts and went four down. At the 11th, Miss Stewart sank a 15 ft putt to salvage a par four, Farmer missed from three feet and trudged to the next tee five down. Miss Stewart and Huish were receiving strokes at the 12th and 14th and halved the next four holes

Today they meet Carl Mason, the Kenya Open champion, and Andrew Chandler, also a European Tour professional. They were two under par in beating Pip Elson and Doug McClelland, both former circuit players, by three and two

"Not wanting to let one another down is shortening our game no end," Chandler said.

Chandler clinched the match by sinking a 10 ft putt for a half on the sixteenth and his one, mild, complaint is that Mason is not putting up to the hole. "I'm used to tricky four or five footers back because I'm an aggressive putter, but Carl doesn't want to leave me those," he smiled.

In the other semi-final, Graham Coombe and Neil Holman, the young outsiders who were only included in the draw when Paul Way and his partner withdrew, meet Ian Mosey and Warren Humphreys, who came from two down with three to play to beat David J Russell and Phil Harrison at the 20th.

RESULTS FROM SUNNINGDALE

FIFTH ROUND (Old Course): P Elson (Stratford-on-Avon) and D McClelland (Regent Mangold) bt M Garrard and B White (West Hill), 2 and 1; C Mason (Woking Motors) and A Chandler (Mere) bt M Howell (Badgemore Park) and S Lloyd (Farnwood Park), 5 and 4; L Farmer (West Mddx) and R Whitehead (Moor Park) bt S Lee (Royal Mid-Surrey) and R Lee (White Horse), 2 and 1; M Brosnam (Sunningdale Park) and J Huggan (Dunbar) bt M Palmer and M Belsham (Royal Cinque Ports), 3 and 2; I Mosey and W Humphreys (unatt) bt N Burke (Chipstead) and W Grant (Cuddington), 7 and 6; D J Russell (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) and P Harrison (Geoffrey Urwin) bt J Cook and W Bladon (Leamington Spa), 5 and 4; Miss G Stewart (Claremont) and D Huish (N Berwick) bt N Tokely and G Emerson (Broadstone), at 20th; G Coombe (Worlebury) and W Holman (Burnham and Berrow) bt C McLachlan and G McKay (Glenervie), 3 and 2.

QUARTER-FINALS: Mason and Chandler bt Elson and McClelland, 3 and 2; Miss Stewart and Huish bt Farmer and Whitehead, 5 and 4; Coombe and Holman bt Brosnan and Huggan, 5 and 4; Mosey and Humphreys bt Russell and Harrison, at 20th.

Fowler has flying start

Singapore (AP) — Peter Fowler, of Australia, had seven birdies to share the first round lead on 66 with Art Russell, of the United States, and Kuo Chie-shiung and Hsu Sheng-san, both of Taiwan, in the £78,000 Singapore Open yesterday.

However Fowler, aged 27, also dropped two strokes on the the Bukit Course as Hsu, especially, made a flourishing finish on the back nine with three birdies and an eagle.

LEADERS: 66: (US unless stated): A Russell, P Fowler (Aus), Kuo Chie Shung (Tai), Hsu Sheng San (Tai). 68: C Nakama, P McWhinney (Aus), G Buckner, J Jacobs, J Maggert, J Hallet. 69: Kyi Hla Han (Burma), S Haskins, J Benepe, B Arda (Phil), S Bowmen, Chien Chin Sheng (Tai), G Rusnek, C McLellan, S Jurgensen, Lim Swee Wah (Sing). 70: Chen Liang Hsi (Tai), C Espinosa (Mex), Yu Chin Han (Tai), Wang Ter Chung (Tai), J Rutledge (Can), D Tentis, Liao Kuo Chie (Tai), T Roberts (Aus), M Ramayah (Malay), Lu Chien Soon (Tai), Ho Ming Chung (Tai), D McMillan, G Conley, W Smith (Aus), M Cunning.

Mud-larks: the juniors show their pace at the schools tournament (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Watch out for the Penguins as the circus comes to town

Simon Barnes

Hong Kong's reputation as a haven for the cheap and for the second-rate is, I suppose, ineradicable. It is, I know, nothing at all to do with the reality. Hong Kong can make all Britain seem inward-looking, provincial and small-time. Hong Kong has always been a place of internationalism, excitement, risk and imagination.

The Cathay Pacific Hongkong Bank invitation sevens tournament is a celebration of all of that. It was Hong Kong that first showed rugby that it was a genuine world game after all. International rugby is common for a Brit, almost a provincial affair. The Five Nations championship contains only one real foreign country, after all.

The rugby world has finally woken up and noticed something that the Hong Kong sevens tournament has been offering us since 1976. The World Cup, which will be held for the first time this year, is basically a magnified 15-a-side version of the Hong Kong sevens. The traditional rugby nations will be taking on such sides as Italy, Zimbabwe and Samoa. I shall be shouting for Fiji, myself. World rugby will have discovered itself. It will be, let us hope, a serious blow for elitism.

Hong Kong is traditionally *quick off the mark. Rugby men*, however, tend to linger in the blocks. This is not a game noted for its understanding of the modern world. But in the end, after the continuing success in Hong Kong, international sevens is beginning to take off. There are signs that a kind of sevens circus could be emerging. Among its many advantages, sevens is not controlled by the International Board. Last year there were sevens tournaments in Hong Kong, Sydney and Cardiff. Indeed, a day at a sevens tournament is often much more fun than watching a 15-man slog. "I hope sevens will remain an entertaining spectacle," said Tony Mason, who is managing the Penguins side. "After all, who wants to watch things like that last England-Wales match?"

The Penguins are in Hong Kong with a British team and an Australian captain. They adopt a Barbarian approach to rugby ("though we try to avoid comparisons like that") and play under the motto "On court le ballon a la main". After having watched the England team kick le ballon every bloody temps and only use la main for thumping les autres chaps, the approach has a certain charm, not to say novelty.

"Playing in a sevens tournament like this is different to playing for your country," Mason said. "The players get so fired up when they play for their country that all the enjoyment goes. You should be fired up, yes, but not to the point when all you want to do is annihilate the enemy. It is too much. The game is for enjoyment. Something has gone wrong at the top. The enjoyment has been coached out of the game."

It seems to Mason that flair has been coached out, and that a horrid philosophy of relentless competitiveness has been substituted. "And when anyone gets the ball, he looks terrified," Mason said. "He looks as if he is wondering who he can pass to. He daren't just smell the line and go. But I would always like people to remember the game — not the score."

Sevens, and teams like the Penguins, can do something to redress the balance. Sevens has always been a game of cavalier running and intuitive slinging the ball about. In fact, I think the finest 20 minutes of rugby I have ever seen was when Fiji played New Zealand in the final of the Hong Kong sevens in 1984. The Fijians were afflicted with the kind of corporate insanity that can occasionally strike in team games, and, carried away with this folie à sept, put on a quite awesome display of running and passing, and stuffed the All Blacks 26-0.

"But we learned from it," said Bryce Rope, who runs the All Blacks sevens outfit. Stinging from this quite traumatic defeat, New Zealand, worshippers of the toughest form of the 15-man game, put their minds to learning sevens. In doing so, they have rewritten the sevens script: instead of adopting a wholly alien let's-give-it-a-crack philosophy, they have adapted their natural head-banging, biceps-flexing rugby to sevens. If you can't run around them, run straight through them. It has been so successful that they won all three major international sevens tournaments last year, including Hong Kong.

It takes the friendliness out of sevens, said Mason, adding that he had read once that "a penguin, a nice friendly bird that will bite savagely when molested." New Zealand plan to play four *big* strong boys and three runners. "If they need two men to stop one of yours, you have created a gap," said Rope. "We play sevens in a very *physical way, yes. We're* naturally a very physical nation."

Sevens has become the last refuge of quixotry in rugby, but the All Blacks are doing their best to end all that. It is in their nature. They stand for brick wall rugby. Good for them: we all need someone to boo. Clashes of style give spice to all such occasions. *One* only hopes that the spirit of brutal pragmatism is not the inevitable victor. "I don't think sevens will ever be taken as seriously as the 15-man game," said the uncompromisingly named Rope. Thank goodness for that, is all one can say. Indeed, I hope that sevens — I hope that all rugby — will remain a game in which penguins can still occasionally take wing.

RUGBY UNION

Monmouth poised for a final surge

By Peter Marson

The Festival, the junior schools and the preparatory schools tournament revelled in the good conditions as the national schools seven-a-side tournament, presented by Diners Club International and Rosslyn Park, moved into its third day yesterday.

In the Festival tournament, 560 boys took part in 103 matches in five rounds on the way to finding a winner in 16 groups. Some schools, like Monmouth, who have a proud record of having appeared in the final four times since 1970, Bedford Modern, Sherborne, Marlborough and Haberdashers' Aske's, had completed the spade work on the previous day and needed to play only a couple of matches to win their groups.

The first match today, between Monmouth and Bedford Modern (10.20am), promises to set the tone for another eventful programme as the group winners vie for a place in the quarter-finals. Monmouth had been made to work hard to win their match against Bearwood College, harder certainly than Bedford Modern, who turned Worth's challenge aside with a 15-0 victory.

Ampleforth, runners up to Millfield in the open tournament on Wednesday, were another side to be tested in their first match, though here, their cleverness and greater skill held them together as they beat Bryanston 18-10.

Festival tournament

FIRST ROUND: Group L: Bromsgrove 12, Ellesmere 4; Downside 25, Sevenoaks 0. Group M: St Edward's Oxford 12, Kingswood 6; Durham 22, Eastbourne 10. Group N: Epsom 30, Mill Hill 6; Ampleforth 18, Bryanston 10. Group O: Greshams 12, Austin Friars 6; Trent 16, Stowe 10. Group P: King's Canterbury 18, Felsted 0; St Bees 14, Cranleigh 12. **SECOND ROUND:** Group L: Bromsgrove 10, Duke of York's 4; Sevenoaks 18, Downside 4. Group M: Wellington College 10, St Edward's, Oxford 0; Durham 28, Kingswood 11. Group N: Dean Close 24, Mill Hill 4; Bryanston 14, Epsom 6. Group O: Queen's Taunton 22, Greshams 12; Trent 28, Austin Friars 4. Group P: Truro 16, King's Canterbury 6; St Bees 30, Felsted 11. **THIRD ROUND:** Group G: Cedars 7, Malvern 0; St George's Weybridge 28, Bedford School. Group H: Marlborough 20, Cheltenham 6. Group I: Haberdashers' Aske's 12, Shebbear 4; Oratory 12, Whitgift 6. Group J: Wycliffe 24, St John's Leatherhead 6; Taunton 12, Oakham 3. Group K: Wellington School w/o Radley. Group L: Downside 10, Bromsgrove 10. Group M: Wellington College 20, Kingswood 4; St Edward's, Oxford 10, Eastbourne 8. Group N: Epsom 36, Dean Close 10; Ampleforth 36, Mill Hill 0. **FOURTH ROUND:** Group A: Brighton College 22, Guilford 0; Monmouth 18, Bearwood College 6. Group B: Worth 28, Wimbledon 8; Lays 6, King Edward, Bath 0. Group C: Sherborne 14, Berkhamsted 4; St Augustine's 20, Chiswick 0. Group D: Prior Park 4, Douai 4; All Hallows 18, Christ Hospital 10. Group E: King's Taunton 24, Ryde 6; Skinners 20, Hereford 8. Group F: Blundells 20, Windsor 4; RGS Worcester 18, Langley Park 0. Group G: Malvern 18, Kelly College 18; Bedford School 28, Cedars 0. Group H: Cheltenham 22, Churchers 16; Malborough 34, Sheppey 0. Group I: Barnard Castle 16, Shebbear 12; Haberdashers' Aske's 10, Oratory 4. Group J: Wycliffe 12, Ipswich 4; St John's, Leatherhead 10, Oakham 10.

Junior tournament

QUARTER-FINALS: Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 10, RGS High Wycombe 8; Warwick 18, London Oratory 0; Hymers 22, Dwr-y-Felin 6; West Park 28, Stamford 4.

SEMI-FINALS: Warwick 22, Queen's Elizabeth, Barnet 10; West Park 14, Hymers 8.

Donovan returns

Alun Donovan, the Cardiff centre, who was left out of the Schweppes WRU Cup quarter-final against Newport, has won back his place for the semi-final against Neath at Swansea tomorrow. Newport entertain Richmond at Rodney Parade without record-breaking outside-half Paul Turner and top try scorer Marc Batten.

Carr makes welcome return for Irish

By George Ace

Brian Spillane, a controversial choice for the game against France last weekend in Dublin, retained his place in the Ireland team to meet Wales in Cardiff on Saturday week. But this time, his inclusion is not at the expense of Nigel Carr, who is reinstated at open-side flanker.

Spillane claims the No. 8 spot, with Willie Anderson switching to lock and Jim Glennon being removed to a place on the substitutes' bench. Philip Matthews reverts to the blind-side flank.

And all Ireland is happier than a few weeks ago, when the nation's rugby followers were stunned by the omission of Carr.

But outside the actual team named for Cardiff, confusion reigns. Tony Ward, the enigma of Irish rugby, is back on the substitutes' bench, a seat he lost for the French match for no apparent reason, to Ralph Keyes. Now Keyes, for no apparent reason, is dropped.

And the understudy to Michael Bradley will be named after a training session on Sunday between three scrum halves. Tony Doyle, the man in possession, is one: The others are the youthful Fergus Aherne, from the Dolphin club in Munster, and Ballymena's Rab Brady. And that is mighty strong evidence that even when you are not playing, your place in the 21-man international panel is by no means secure. Sometimes it is difficult to understand what goes on in the minds of selectors: When they happen to be Irish, it is well-nigh impossible.

It was a gamble to retain Spillane, although he will be more at home in the middle of the back row than on the flank. But one must have reservations about his fitness, and he had an anonymous second half last Saturday. But the switching of Anderson back to his original international place, should help Donal Lenihan and Ireland subdue Robert Norster's dominance of the lineout for Wales.

The seven positions behind the scrum remain unchanged. But on Wednesday week, all will be revealed when the World Cup squad is named. Providing, that is, the selectors finish their meeting the night before.

TEAM: H P MacNeill (London Irish); T M Ringland (Ballymena), B J Mullin (Oxford University), M J Kiernan (Dolphin), K D Crossan (Instonians); P M Dean (St Mary's College), M T Bradley (Constitution); P A Orr (Old Wesley), H T Harbison (Bective Rangers), D C Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), P M Matthews (Wanderers), D G Lenihan (Constitution, capt), W A Anderson (Dugannon), N J Carr (Ards), B Spillane (Bohemians). Replacements: J J McCoy (Bangor), C F Fitzgerald (St Mary's College), J J Glennan (Skerries), A N Other, A J P Ward (Greystones), P I Rainey (Ballymena).

G.R. (Holdings) plc
(Registered in England No. 449563)

TENDER OFFER BY THE COMPANY FOR UP TO 650,000
OF ITS OWN ORDINARY SHARES OF 25p EACH
("ORDINARY SHARES")
AT A MAXIMUM PRICE OF 390p PER SHARE

A tender offer enabling Ordinary Shareholders to tender their shares either through The Stock Exchange ("market") or directly to the Company ("off-market") will open today, Friday 27th March, 1987 and close at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 9th April, 1987. The terms of the tender offer and instructions on what action Ordinary Shareholders should take if they wish to tender some or all of their shares are set out below.

Terms of the tender offer made, where applicable, in accordance with the Rules Governing Substantial Acquisitions of Shares Issued on the authority of the Panel on Take-overs and Mergers

1. Ordinary Shareholders are invited to tender at a price within the range of a minimum of 25p per share and a maximum of 390p per share inclusive.

2. The maximum number of Ordinary Shares for which the Company will accept tenders is 650,000. Ordinary Shareholders will be able to tender all or some of their shares, but if more than 650,000 Ordinary Shares are tendered, applications may be scaled down, balloted or rejected as explained in paragraphs 4 and 5 below.

3. If tenders of Ordinary Shares representing less than 1 per cent. of the voting rights attaching to the Company's Ordinary Shares (being 32,836 Ordinary Shares) are received, the tender offer will be void.

4. If the number of Ordinary Shares tendered for sale is more than 650,000, the striking price (being the price that the Company will pay) will be the lowest price at which the number of shares sought (i.e. 650,000) is met *and all shareholders who tender at or below the striking price will receive that* price. If necessary, tenders made at the striking price will be scaled down pro rata or balloted.

5. No tenders at above the striking price will be accepted and shareholders should be aware that it is possible that the striking price could be less than 390p.

6. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 above, if the number of Ordinary Shares tendered for sale is less than 650,000, tendering shareholders will receive the maximum price of 390p.

7. It will be open to Ordinary Shareholders to make market tenders of a proportion of their shares and to tender a proportion of their shares direct to the Company ("off-market").

8. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 above, all tenders lodged by shareholders or, on their behalf, by their agents, will be irrevocable. Shareholders who make off-market tenders should only do so in respect of Ordinary Shares which they hold and for which they have not already made market tenders. They should not under any circumstances make both market and off-market tenders which in aggregate exceed the number of Ordinary Shares held by them.

9. Tender prices must be expressed in pence (including fractions) and tenders (whether market or off-market) at different prices must be lodged in separate sealed envelopes. The only fraction of one penny which will be accepted is ½p. Tenders with prices shown in decimals or otherwise judged incomplete or unacceptable by The Stock Exchange and the Representative of the Board of Directors of the Company (see below) may be declared void. Tenders which are made subject to any condition other than price will not be acceptable and will be disqualified.

10. The tender offer will open on Friday 27th March, 1987 and will close at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 9th April, 1987. The market tender will be conducted by Rowe & Pitman Ltd., the Company's advisers, under the supervision of The Stock Exchange and the off-market tender will be conducted by the Representative of the Board of Directors of the Company. Upon closing, dealings in the Company's Ordinary Shares will be temporarily suspended, the results of both tenders will be amalgamated and a common striking price will be determined by Rowe & Pitman Ltd. and the Representative of the Board of Directors of the Company by reference to both market and off-market tenders. The decisions of Rowe & Pitman Ltd. and the Representative of the Board of Directors of the Company as to the striking price and as to which Ordinary Shares have been successfully tendered shall be conclusive and binding on the Ordinary Shareholders whether they have made market tenders or off-market tenders.

11. At 9.00 a.m. on the first business day following the determination by Rowe & Pitman Ltd. and the Representative of the Board of Directors of the Company as to which Ordinary Shares have been successfully tendered at or below the striking price, dealing, in your Company's Ordinary Shares will resume and sales will be effected through The Stock Exchange of those Ordinary Shares in respect of which successful market tenders have been made. It is emphasised that the terms of such sales may in no circumstances be subsequently varied; nor will such sales or the settlement thereof be conditional on the approval of off-market purchase contracts.

12. Sales resulting from successful market tenders will be for normal Stock Exchange Account Settlement on Tuesday 5th May, 1987, being the settlement day for the Account ending on Friday 24th April, 1987 Ordinary Shareholders who have successfully made market tenders will therefore receive their proceeds of sale (less their normal dealing expenses) through their stockbroker or other agent in the usual way once they have provided a valid share certificate and signed the appropriate Share Transfer form. The normal Stock Exchange rules for Account Settlement will apply and buying-in may therefore take place in the event of late delivery of shares.

13. Each successful off-market tender will be subject to specific approval by a special resolution of the shareholders of the Company in Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on Monday 11th May, 1987. Upon such approval being obtained the proceeds of sale will be paid on Monday 18th May, 1987 to those shareholders who have successfully tendered off-market and provided a valid share certificate.

Taxation

The taxation consequences for Ordinary Shareholders depend upon the method which they employ to tender their Ordinary Shares as well as on their own circumstances. ALL SHAREHOLDERS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO CONSULT THEIR PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS BEFORE TENDERING THEIR ORDINARY SHARES.

The Board of Inland Revenue have confirmed they are satisfied, on the understanding that none of the Directors of their associates (as such term is defined in the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970), will tender Ordinary Shares to the Company, that the proposed purchase scheme will be such that no notice under Sub-Section (3) of Section 460 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (cancellation of tax advantages from certain transactions in securities) ought to be given in respect thereof.

Market tenders

Shareholders who wish to tender all or part of their shares through The Stock Exchange should instruct their stockbroker, bank manager or other professional adviser accordingly, indicating the number of shares to be tendered and the price or prices at which such shares should be tendered. Sales resulting from successful market tenders of shares will be subject to Stock Exchange sale commissions, expenses and procedures for settlement. **Shareholders should not under any circumstances use the off-market form of tender for making market tenders.**

Forms of tender for making market tenders are available during the period which the Tender Offer is open from the Consols Bar and Unit Offices of The Stock Exchange.

Off-market tenders

A form of tender for those shareholders who wish to tender all or part of their shares off-market is available from the Company at its registered office at 68 Upper Thames Street, London EC4V 3AR or from the Solicitors to the Company, Messrs. Jaques & Lewis of 2 South Square, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5HR: it contains instructions for lodgement which should be read carefully.

If shares are successfully tendered off-market, the purchase of those shares will in each case be subject to approval by special resolution of the shareholders in general meeting and a further circular will be despatched on Tuesday 14th April, 1987 convening an extraordinary general meeting for this purpose.

Closing date

The tender offer will close at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 9th April, 1987. An announcement of the results of the tender offer will be made by 9.00 a.m. on Friday 10th April, 1987

27th March, 1987

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

BRITISH MASTERS TROPHY: Semi-finals: Second legs: Portsmouth 133 (Moore 37, Irish 24, Cunningham 22, Williams 17, Hald 16), Polycell Kingston 135 (after O-T, Clark 37, Bontrager 32, Scott 23, Davis 19. Kingston win 242-236 on agg, meet MiM Livingston in final Aston Villa, March 31). **LIMOGES**, France: Korac Cup: Final, second leg: Limoges (Fr) 86, FC Barcelona (Sp) 97. Barcelona win 213-172 on aggregate. **ITALIAN CUP:** Final (in Bologna): Tracer Milan 95, Scavolini Pesaro 93.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Featherstone 0, Wigan 35; Oldham 39, Wakefield 20; Leeds 6, St Helens 16; Hull 8, Salford 14; Hull KR 26, Barrow 6. Second division: Blackpool 10, Swinton 25.

ETON FIVES

SHREWSBURY: Holmwood Schools Championships: Senior quarter-finals: King Edward's I (J Turnbull and J Courier) bt Highgate I (E Wass and J Hatsaac) 13-12, 14-11, 7-12, 12-3; Harrow I (M de Souza Girao and M Boralessa) bt Eton I (S Barber and S Stevens) 12-4, 12-9, 15-12; Highgate II (J Date and Z Nashrush) bt Shrewsbury I (M Lascelles and M Griffiths) 15-14, 9-12, 12-7, 12-13, 12-4; Wolverhampton I (R Harris and J Pearson) bt Berkhamsted I (N Allen and R Rygent) 12-1, 12-3, 12-3. Under-16 semi-finals: Highgate I (E Wass and D Luke) bt Wolverhampton I (J Richings and P Shaw) 12-[illegible] 12-1; Wolverhampton II (G Das Gupta and R Hobbs) bt Highgate II (A Stanton and S Rasheed) 6-12, 13-10, 12-13, 1-12, 12-8.

TENNIS

BRUSSELS: Belgian indoor championships: First round: J McEnroe (US) bt P Cane (It), 6-3, 6-1. B Becker (WG) bt P Lundgren (Swe) 7-6, 6-3. Second round: G Shoom (Isr) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 1-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4; J Gunnarson (Swe) bt S Colombo (It), 3-6, 6-0, 6-1. J Hlasek (Swit) bt M Leach (US) 2-6, 7-5, 6-3. **NANCY:** Men's Grand Prix tournament: Second round: W Masur (Aus) bt P Karlsson (Swe), 7-5, 6-2; B Drewett (Aus) bt T Tulasne (Fr) 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-4); M Dickson (US) bt C Mezzadri (It), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt J Karlsson (Swe) 7-6 (7-2), 6-1. **FAIRFAX**, Virginia: Women's Washington tournament: Second round: A Henricksson (USA) bt W Turnbull (Aus) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; L McNeil (US) bt W White (US) 6-2, 6-4; B Potter bt C Lindqvist (Swe) 6-4, 7-5; S Hanika (WG) bt M Werdel 6-2, 6-4.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday night's results

FIRST DIVISION: Aston Villa 1, Watford 1; Leicester 4, QPR 1; Newcastle 1, Tottenham 1.
SECOND DIVISION: Stoke 0, Ipswich 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Chester 0, Bury 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Rochdale 3, Wrexham 3.
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Dundee 4, Falkirk 0.

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: East Stirling 1, Raith 1.
TNT IRISH LEAGUE GOLD CUP: Glentoran 3, Ards 1, Linfield 1, Crusaders 0.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one qualifying match: Romania 5, Albania 1. Group five: The Netherlands 1, Greece 1.
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Yugoslavia 4, Austria 0; Turkey 3, East Germany 1.
TNT IRISH LEAGUE GOLD CUP: Glentoran 3, Ards 1, Linfield 1, Crusaders 0.
ROY AITKEN TESTIMONIAL: Celtic 1, Manchester Utd 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Coventry 1, Manchester City 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Watford 1, Portsmouth 0; Swindon 1, Tottenham 2. Postponed: Crystal Palace v Oxford Utd.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 3, Oldham 1; Nottingham Forest 2, Liverpool 0; Sheffield Utd 2, Sunderland 0. Second division: Bolton 1, York 0; Scunthorpe 1, Barnsley 0; West Brom 2, Wigan 3; Huddersfield 5, Notts County 0; Doncaster 2, Port Vale 2. Postponed: Bradford v Darlington.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Gateshead 3, Nuneaton 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby 0, Gosport 0; Alvechurch 1, Worcester 4; Cambridge City 5, Crawley 2. Postponed: Fareham v Folkestone.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Petersfield 0, Southall 0; Ruislip Manor 1, Chertsey 0.
INTER-SERVICE CHAMPIONSHIP: Constantinople Cup: Royal Navy 4, Army 1.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Valladolid 1, Espanol 0; Athletic Bilbao 2, Murcia 0; Sevilla 1, Las Palmas 0; Sabadell 0, Gijon 0; Cadiz 0, Zaragoza 1; Mallorca 3, Betis 1; Santander 1, Real Sociedad 0; Barcelona 4, Osasuna 2. Leading positions: 1, Barcelona, played 33, 47pts; 2, Real Madrid, 32, 47; 3, Espanol, 33, 42.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 0, Metz 0; Bordeaux 1, Le Havre 1; Marseille 2, Lille 0; Monaco 0, Toulon 2; PSG 2, Nantes 1; Lens 4, Nice 0; Laval 3, Racing 1; Brest 1, St Etienne 0; Toulouse 2, Sochaux 1; Nancy 2, Rennes 0. Leading positions: 1, Bordeaux, 40pts; 2, Marseilles, 40; 3, Toulouse, 35.

OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFYING MATCH: European Group B: East Germany 0, Italy 0.
INTERNATIONALS: (in Bellinzona): Switzerland 1, Czechoslovakia 2. (in Tel Aviv): Israel 0, West Germany 2.
BELGIAN CUP: Quarter-finals, first legs: FC Liege 1, Anderlecht 0; FC Malines 2, Beveren 1; Waregem 1, Cercle Bruges 0; Winterslag 3, Waterschei 0.

LACROSSE

BENENDEN CUP (Seniors): Lady Eleanor Holles 3, St Catherine's, Bramley 1. National Schoolgirls' junior tournament: Lee Smith Cup, Final: Lady Eleanor Holles 4, Claremont 0.

MODERN PENTATHLON

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: Men, final positions: 1, J Bouzou (Fr), 5,610; 2, I Schwartz (USSR), 5,568; 3, A Avdeyev (USSR), 5,565; 4, C Ruer (Fr), 5,529; 5, R Phelps (GB), 5,512; 6, B Sidorov (USSR), 5,488. Other British: 7, J Lawrence, 5,432; 26, P Hart, 5,146; 39, G Brookhouse, 5,016. Team: 1, Soviet Union, 16,623; 2, France, 16,561; 3, Soviet Union B, 15,804; 5, Britain, 15,675. Running: 1, M Kadlec (Cz) 11min 35sec (1,477); 2, Hart, 11:40 (1,464); 3, Avdeyev, 12:01 (1,401). Women, final positions: 1, S Moressee (Fr), 5,581; 2, K Kroning (WG), 5,419; 3, S Krapf (WG) 5,410; 4, C Delemer (Fr) 5,367; 5, P Svarre (Den) 5,341; 6, M Luna (Guat) 5,297. British: 7, W Norman, 5,242; 22, T Purton, 4,833.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Public Schools Doubles Championships: Professional Association Second Pairs Cup: First Round: Tonbridge (R Cook and J Calow) bt Haileybury (R Morgan and B Grose) 16-17, 15-7, 15-10, 15-7. Rugby (I Woodmansey and P Rackowe) bt Wellington (P Gordon and H Knox) 15-9, 15-0, 12-15, 15-6; Winchester (J Segal and A Parker) bt Eton (H Eddis and E Lee) 15-10, 15-12, 15-4. Colts Doubles (U-16): First Round: Clifton (J Leak and J Briggs) bt Winchester (N Peel-Cross and R Sanders) 15-6, 15-5, 15-11; Eton (J Trusted and J Beaumont) bt Charterhouse (J Courtauld and M Rudd) 15-8, 15-5, 15-1; Marlborough (T Barker and J Hay) bt Haileybury (A Freedman and N du Boulay) 15-9, 15-4, 18-14; Harrow (J Green and C Wright) bt Rugby (J Francis and P Drysdale) 15-9, 15-9, 15-18, 15-9. Peter Gray Cup (U-15): First Round: Harrow (A Orchard and C White) bt Clifton (M Meadows and J Neill) 7-15, 15-8, 15-7, 14-17, 15-10; Rugby (A Case and R Trimble) bt Marlborough (N Akroyd-McGregor and T Bilgen) 18-7, 15-4, 15-0.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Ballymena 4, New Zealand Barbarians 28.
CLUB MATCHES: South Wales Police 22, South Glamorgan Institute 27; Nuneaton 27, Burton 6; Glamorgan Wanderers 18, Abertillery 20; Coventry 17, Bedford 3; Wasps 16, London Welsh 28; Cheltenham 15, Penarth 27.
SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Abbey 15, Maidenhead 9.
SIX COUNTIES CUP: Derbyshire 18, Shropshire 10.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Combined London Old Boys 21, Surrey Clubs 13; Lloyds Insurance 14, Accepting Houses 22.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Hampton 0, Epsom HS 1.

BOXING

ATLANTIC CITY: WBC Lightweight: Frankie Randall bt Station LeBlanc, rsc 8th

SQUASH

MONACO: Monte Carlo Open: First round: S Davenport (NZ) bt C Jones (GB), 3-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-0; B Martin (Aus) bt M Symonds (SA), 9-0, 9-7, 9-4; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt D Lab (GB), 8-10, 5-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-4; A Davies (GB) bt A Wahlstedt (Swe), 9-7, 9-3, 9-6; C Robertson (Aus) bt Gamal Awad (Eg), 9-2, 9-4, 9-5; J Soderberg (Swe) bt P Hill (Sing), 9-5, 9-4, 9-5; G Williams (GB) bt S Taylor (GB), 9-4, 9-7, 9-6; D Meddings (GB) bt P Trueman (Aus), 9-6, 9-3, 2-9, 10-8; S Bull (Can) bt E van der Pluym (Neth), 9-2, 5-6, 7-9, 9-3, 9-5; R Hill (Aus) bt S Elopuru (Fin), 9-6, 3-9, 9-5, 9-4; A Adarraga (Aus) bt G Briars (GB), 9-4, 4-9, 6-9, 10-8, 9-4; F Johnson (Swe) bt Gamal El Amir (Eg), 5-9, 9-3, 9-4, 9-4; C Dittmar (Aus) bt G Waite (Can), 9-5, 9-4, 9-6; R Martin (Aus) bt S Cunningham (NZ), 9-4, 3-9, 9-7, 2-9, 9-5; P Kenyon (GB) bt R Owen (GB), 9-1, 9-1, 9-3.

SPEEDWAY

LEAGUE CUP: Postponed: Sheffield v Wolverhampton (track waterlogged)

SWIMMING

BOCA RATON, Florida: US Short Course National Championships: Winners: Men: 100 yards freestyle: T Jager (US), 43.44 sec; 200 yards butterfly: M Stewart 1:44.32; 200 yards breaststroke: M Barrowman (US), 1:58.36. Women: 100 yards freestyle: L Walker (US), 49.58; 200 yards: H Nagasaki (Jap), 2:09.76 (US record); 200 yard backstroke: A Mahoney (US), 1:58.88; 200 yards butterfly: J Gorman (US), 1:58.16.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	30	180	poor	heavy	poor	föhn	5
Early morning skiing best							
FRANCE							
Les Arcs	80	200	fair	heavy	fair	cloud	5
Skiing good above 2000m							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	20	100	heavy	varied	poor	cloud	10
Snow heavy below 2300m							
Davos	85	190	good	varied	fair	föhn	6
Good piste skiing on upper slopes							
Verbier	40	220	good	heavy	fair	cloud	10
good skiing upper slopes							
Wengen	50	140	good	heavy	good	fine	8
Good snow, heavy in afternoon							

Because of technical problems at the Ski Club of Great Britain, the above reports, supplied by their representatives, relate to Wednesday. L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

FRANCE

	Depth (cm) Min	Max
Haute Savoie/Savoie		
Carroz d'Araches	60	230
Chamonix	15	290
La Clusaz	20	230
Flaine	125	225
Megeve	30	180
Les Menuires	75	220
Meribel	70	220
Morzine-Avoriaz	30	180
La Plagne	160	300
La Rosiere	155	260
Tignes	170	210
Val d'Isère	150	195
Valfréjus	70	170
Valmorel	90	170
Val Thorens	150	250
Isère		
Alpe d'Huez	150	250
Autrans	65	90
Chamrousse	90	130
Les deux Alpes	105	310
Alpes du Sud		
Isola 2000	125	180
Montgenevre	70	110
Risoul 1850	70	90
Serre Chevalier	20	100
Pyrénées		
Bareges	10	70
Cauterets	40	140
Superbagnères	10	60

● Information supplied by the French Government Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1800ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard packed snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1700ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 1100ft. Forecast for today: overcast with persistent rain, heavy at times; freezing level above summits; strong to gale force easterly winds. Outlook for tomorrow: sunny intervals and occasional squally showers of sleet or snow; strong to gale force northerly winds.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

هكذا من الإصل

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Janet Crumbie

Starry attraction: Gary Glitter adorns the Last Resort tonight for a 70s Special (Ch4, 10.30pm)

A Catholic entertainment

CHOICE

● Arena (BBC2, 9.30pm) takes its title from *The Sound of Music* to look, not at musicals, but at Catholicism. **How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?** interviews people who answered a religious calling and rejected it in favour of the world of entertainment. The "Maria" in question is Maria von Trapp who inspired *The Sound of Music*. She is still very devout. Bob Guccione, the editor of *Penthouse* magazine, is clearly not and uses the programme to give his product a shameless plug. Martin Scorsese, on the other hand, although lapsed still makes very Catholic films about redemption. Father Michael Cleary, a Dublin parish priest, is an exception in that he manages to combine sacerdotal duties with cabaret entertainment, but priests are not generally encouraged to diversify. A former nun, now an actress, charmingly remembers an early performance in the nunnery with jacket and trousers bundled over her habit which she was forbidden to take off.

● Ebony (BBC2, 7.25pm) is devoted to Bobby Womack, protégé of Sam Cooke and writer of "It's All Over Now", which gave the Rolling Stones their first number one hit. Womack is one of a number of stars from 1960s soul music enjoying a revival of interest, although he still awaits the ultimate accolade of having one of his songs used in a jeans commercial.

● With his clipped appearance and enunciated drawl, Alan Whicker seems something of an anachronism but he is unique because, when one searches for comparisons, they aren't to be found. With other television personalities it's not hard to imagine them doing something else, but not Whicker. His pact is entirely with television. **Whicker's World: Living with Uncle Sam** (BBC1, 9.30pm) is a repeat of his travels in the United States in search of expatriate British.

● The radio choice is **Kaleidoscope** (Radio 4, 9.45pm) which looks at dramatic works based on fact and the controversy that can arouse. Recent examples include *The Monocled Mutineer* and Jim Allen's play *Perdition*, which was withdrawn before opening.

Chris Petit

Testing time: Peter Amory (left), Michelle Collins, Ray Brooks and Janet Key sort out family problems in Running Wild (ITV, 8.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.** 6.55 **Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Consumer complaints investigated by Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather 9.05 **Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, and studio audience discuss a topical subject 9.45 **Advice Line** with Paul Clark and Eileen Evason.
10.00 News and weather 10.05 **Neighbours.** (r) 10.25 **Children's BBC.** Phillip Schofield with programme news, and birthday greetings 10.30 **Play School** presented by Mike Amatt, with guest, Jane Hardy 10.50 **Paddington.** (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Gary Watson with a thought for the day 11.00 News and weather 11.05 **Your Life in Their Hands.** Val Bootman's emergency problem probed by gynaecologist Robert Winston. (r) (Ceefax) 11.35 **Open Air.** Programme makers meet their critics. Includes news and weather at 12.00.
12.20 **The Tom O'Connor Roadshow.** Variety show from Londonderry. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather. 1.25 **Neighbours.** Paul discovers that getting married is an expensive operation 1.50 **Mop and Smiff** (r)
2.05 **The Liver Birds.** Comedy series starring Nerys Hughes and Elizabeth Estensen. (r) 2.35 **Knots Landing.** Diana is rushed to hospital with a mystery complaint 3.30 **Box Clever.** Family quiz game presented by Emlyn Hughes.
3.50 **Corners.** Children's questions answered 4.10 **Yogi Bear.** (r) 4.15 **Jackanory.** Victoria Wood and Martin Jarvis with the story of Ten in a Bed. 4.25 **Think It...Do It** presented by Johnny Ball.
4.50 **Newsround Extra.** John Craven with details of an 'extra election' for schoolchildren 5.05 **Grange Hill.** The final episode. (Ceefax) 5.35 **The Flintstones.**
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Wogan** with Glenys Kinnock and Jill Gascoine talking about War on Want, John Mortimer and David Essex
7.35 **Blankety Blank.** Les Dawson's guests are Henry Cooper, Dana, Les Dennis, Ruth Madoc, Fiona Richmond, and Bernie Winters. (r) (Ceefax)
8.10 **Dynasty.** Clay's mother, Emily, finally plucks up enough courage to tell her husband her dark secret. (Ceefax)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **Whicker's World: Living With Uncle Sam.** The first of a repeated ten-part series in which Alan Whicker meets Britons who have made their home in the United States. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.20 **Film: The Onion Field** (1979) starring John Savage and James Woods. Drama, based on fact, about a Los Angeles policeman, the survivor of a murderous hijack, who slowly cracks-up under the strain of being a witness to his colleague's callous killing. Directed by Harold Becker.
12.20 **Matt Houston.** The private detective investigates a honeymoon murder.
1.10 Weather

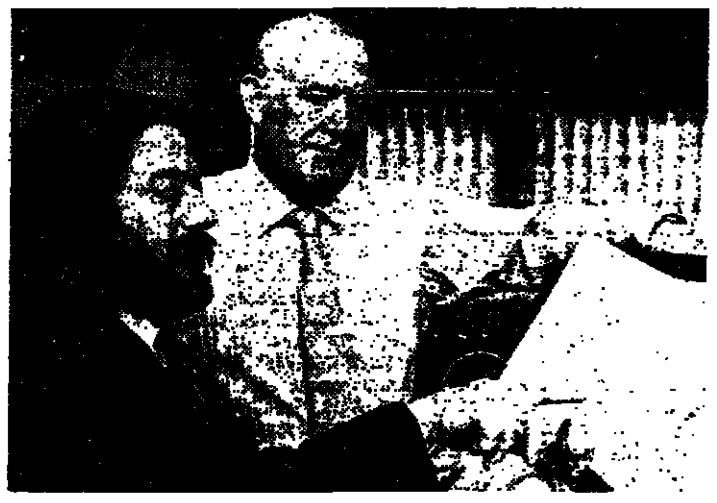
Robbers on the run: bank thieves Gregory Peck and Robert Arthur try to escape from the US Cavalry in Yellow Sky (Ch4, 11.15pm)

BBC 2

6.55 **Open University: Energy - A Question of Balance.** Ends at 7.20. 9.00 **Ceefax.**
9.32 **Daytime on Two:** part nine of Fair Ground! 10.15 The wildlife of urban Scotland 10.38 The future for coal 11.00 France and the French 11.17 Textile studies 11.40 The Tudor Poor Laws 12.00 Alan Ayckbourn directs his 'mini play' A Cut in the Rates.
12.32 Teenagers with divorced parents explain how they were affected by the split 1.05 Young people who are making a name for themselves 1.33 Does aggression help in competition? 2.00 News and weather 2.02 For four- and five-year-olds.
2.15 **World Bowls.** The last two quarterfinals of the Midland Bank World Indoor Pairs Championship. Includes news and weather at 3.00.
3.50 **News,** regional news, and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.**
4.30 **World Bowls.** Further quarterfinal action from Bournemouth.
5.10 **Horizon: The Magma Chamber.** A documentary about the work of Professor Geoff Brown and Dr Hazel Rymer in trying to predict when volcanic eruptions might occur. (r)
6.00 **Film: Come On George*** (1939) starring George Formby and Pat Kirkwood. The first of a season of films starring the ukulele-playing comedian, this evening yearning to be a jockey as he plies his ice-creams. Directed by Anthony Kimmins.
7.25 **Ebony.** A profile of soul musician Bobby Womack featuring the Rolling Stones and Aretha Franklin.
8.00 **Beyond the Great Divide.** A two-part film report on the widening economic divide between north and south. Northerners give their reasons for moving south; and politicians of all persuasions discuss the problem. The reporter is David Lomax. (first shown on BBC North East)
8.30 **Gardeners' World.** Geoff Hamilton and John Kelly visit Eric Watson in Wideopen, North Tyneside, to see his celebrated collection of Alpines.
9.00 **Now - Something Else.** A new series of comedy impressions by Rory Bremner and his team.
9.30 **Arena: How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?** (see Choice)
10.30 **Facing Up to Aids** presented by Angharad Mair.
10.45 **Newsnight** includes a report from Charles Wheeler in Russia. 11.30 **Weather**
11.35 **World Bowls.** Highlights of the last two quarterfinal matches in the Midland Bank World Indoor Pairs Championship. Ends at 12.45.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 **TV-am** introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.28 and 6.58; news at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35. After Nine includes Russell Grant's astrology slot.
9.25 **Thames news headlines.**
9.30 **Schools:** natural history 9.47 Fashions and fads of the 1920s 10.09 Junior maths 10.26 Scientific police work 10.50 German for 13- to 15-year-olds 11.15 Turning cocoa beans into chocolate 11.27 Working in a telephone exchange 11.40 Uses of computers.
12.00 **Orm and Cheep.** (r) 12.10 **Rainbow.** Learning with the help of puppets.
12.30 **Manscape.** In this first of a new series Neil Cossons visits Ironbridge to tell the story of Iron.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin 1.20 **Thames news.**
1.30 **Film: The 1,000 Plane Raid** (1968) starring Christopher George. Second World War drama about an attack on an aircraft factory sited in deepest Germany. Directed by Boris Sagal 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
4.00 **Rainbow.** A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 4.15 **Batfink.** (r) 4.20 **T-Bag Bounces Back.** The final episode 4.45 **Dangermouse.** (r) 5.00 **Bellamy's Bugle.** David Bellamy's conservation series.
5.15 **Ask No Questions.** Celebrity quiz game, with John Junkin and Carol Mather.
5.45 **News** with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 **The 6 O'Clock Show** presented by Michael Aspel.
7.00 **The Newlywed Game.** Three newlywed couples are questioned on how little they know about their respective partner. Presented by Gloria Hunniford.
7.30 **Murder She Wrote.** Jessica comes to the aid of a friend whose sunken treasure adventure is plagued with violent deaths. Starring Angela Lansbury
8.30 **Running Wild.** Max, firmly ensconced in his flat, discovers that he is still needed by his deserted family when his daughter, Steph, comes to him for advice when she becomes depressed about life and the future of the world. Starring Ray Brooks. (Oracle)
9.00 **A Killing on the Exchange.** Episode four of the six-part drama and Millicent Thorne's decision to visit the Tyndall family puts three lives in danger. Starring John Duttine, Gavan O'Herlihy, and Tim Woodwood
10.00 **News at Ten** with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart.
10.30 **The London Programme.** Housing the Homeless investigates the efforts of the Association of London Authorities in tackling the crisis of homelessness which some experts believe is now as high as 600,000 in the capital. Followed by LWT News headlines.
11.05 **South of Watford.** Hugh Laurie looks at the history of the London restaurant scene from the days of the grand hotels to the dominance of the superchef/proprietor and examines what the future holds for the industry.
11.35 **Film: Eyes of Laura Mars** (1978) starring Faye Dunaway and Tommy Lee Jones. A fashion photographer discovers that she has developed the facility to predict violent deaths of people around her. Directed by Irvin Kershner. Ends at 1.25.



Banking on the future: Saeed Jaffrey shows Joss Ackland some astrological predictions in A Killing on the Exchange (ITV, 9pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** (r)
2.30 **Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster** introduced by Brough Scott. The Haywards Pickle Handicap Stakes (2.45); the Leger Way Handicap Stakes (3.15); the Doncaster Town Plate (3.45); and the Will Scott Handicap (4.15)
4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner is challenged by David Carr, a retired headmaster from Otley.
5.00 **Mister Ed*** Vintage American comedy series about a man with a talking horse. Starring Alan Young.
5.30 **The Tube** includes the first of a two-part interview with David Bowie including his latest video, Day In Day Out. Plus, in the studio, Chuck Brown and the Soul Searchers; That Petrol Emotion; Colbert Hamilton; and Nyah Fearties. On film are Voice of the Beehive; and Robbie Neville.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins, includes an assessment of Neil Kinnock's meeting with President Reagan, and a preview of Mrs Thatcher's talks with Mr Gorbachov. **Weather.**
7.50 **Book Choice.** Jean-Denis Bredin's, The Affair: The Case of Alfred Dreyfus, is reviewed by Douglas Johnson, Professor of French History at University College, London.
8.00 **What the Papers Say** with Godfrey Hodgson.
8.15 **A Week in Politics** presented by Nick Ross. How the Tories are wooing women voters; and, will Alliance-bashing help to win the next election?
9.00 **E.R.** Elliott Gould stars as Howard Sheinfield, a world-weary doctor based in a busy inner-city hospital's Emergency Room, tonight facing embarrassing riches from a grateful Vietnam War veteran, and the loss of his medical licence for treating a patient against the family's religious beliefs.
9.30 **Fairly Secret Army.** The final episode. Will Truscott be successful in exposing the enemy cell? Starring Geoffrey Palmer. (r) (Oracle)
10.00 **Cheers.** Thanksgiving Night celebrations take unexpected turns for customers and staff of the Boston bar. (Oracle)
10.30 **The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross.** Tonight's guests, in a 1970s theme, are Lenny Henry, Vivienne Westwood, Ken Russell, and Gary Glitter and the Glitter Band.
11.15 **Film: Yellow Sky*** (1948) starring Gregory Peck and Richard Widmark. Western adventure about an outlaw gang who find themselves sharing a ghost town with a prospector and his daughter after escaping from a posse following a bank robbery. Directed by William Wellman. Ends at 1.00.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES** 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio 1.10-1.15 News headlines and weather. **SCOTLAND** 10.05am-10.25 Conference 87 10.30-11.00 Dotaman 11.05-12.20pm Conference 87 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.20-10.50 Left, Right and Centre 10.50-12.50am Film: The Onion Field 12.50-12.55 Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND** 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 First Class 1.10am-1.15 News headlines and weather. **ENGLAND** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 **WALES** 10.15am-10.38 Outlook 8.00pm-8.30 Public Account **SCOTLAND** 2.15pm-4.28 Conference 87 4.28-4.30 News, Weather 8.00-8.30 Mediterranean Cookery **NORTHERN IRELAND** 10.15am-10.38 Ceefax 8.00pm-8.30 A Question of Sport **ENGLAND** 8.00pm-8.30 **East:** East on Two. **Midlands:** Life File **North:** Northern Lights **North-east:** Northwards. **North-west:** Nowt. **South:** South on Two. **South-west:** Through the Garden Gate. **West:** West on Two.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Thunder over the Plains* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here...? 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Cross Question 11.10 Film: The Beguiled 1.05am Last Night First, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Wish You Were Here...? 2.00 Film: Escape to Burma* 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Hammer House of Horror 11.30 Special Squad 12.25am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: The Bliss of Mrs Blossom 3.15-3.30 Tennis Lesson 5.15-5.45 **Diff'rent Strokes** 6.00 **News** 6.45-7.00 **Central Post** 7.30-8.30 **T J Hooker** 10.35 **Central Weekend** 12.00 **Film: Joe Dancer** 1.40am **Jobfinder** 2.40 **Closedown.**

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Bulman 2.30 Bygones 3.00 Wish You Were Here ..? 3.30-4.00 Country GP 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Channel Report 6.25 Weekend Diary 6.30-7.00 Quicksilver Surfing Champions 10.30 Jambo - The Gentle Giant 11.00 Film: 100 Rifles 1.00am Closedown

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Wish You Were Here . ? 2.00 Tucker's Witch 2.55 Sons and Daughters 3.30 Smurfs 3.45-4.00 Trang Trang 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-7.00 North Tonight 10.30 Crossfire 11.00 Film: Asylum 12.35am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 The Week In View 2.00 Tucker's Witch 3.00 Look Who's Talking 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Mister Merlin 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Please Sir! 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 What the European Papers Say 11.15 Film: Sea Wolves 1.25am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Anne of the Indies* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here...? 5.15-5.45 Langley Bottom 6.00-7.00 News 7.30-8.30 T J Hooker 10.30 Pulling Together 11.15 Your Say 11.30 Film: Trapped 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 **Wales at Six** 10.30-11.00 **Your Number's Up** 11.00-12.40am **Film: World's Greatest Lover.**

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Live at One-Thirty 2.00 Film: House Across the Lake 3.15 Sons and Daughters 3.45-4.00 Trang Trang 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Who's the Boss? 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Scottish Questions 11.30 Late Call 11.35 Bliss in Concert 12.05am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: A Yank in Ermine* 3.00 Wish You Were Here...? 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-7.00 Friday Show 10.32 Film: Twinky 12.20am Postscript 12.25 Film: Spy Killer 1.46 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Bulman 2.30 Bygones 3.00 Wish You Were Here.. ? 3.30-4.00 Country GP 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Challenge of the South 10.30 Facing South 11.00 Film: 100 Rifles 1.00am Company.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.25 Lookaround 1.30 Film: Tennessee's Partner* 3.00-4.00 Wish You Were Here...? 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 What Would You Do? 10.32 Extra Time 11.00 Film: Bittersweet Love 12.40am Christian Calendar, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30 Film: My Cousin Rachel* 3.15-3.30 Cartoon 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.30-7.00 Spellbound 7.30-8.30 Falcon Crest 10.30 Witness 10.35 Sportscast 11.05 That's Hollywood 11.30 The Year Was....1980.. 12.00 Rock of the Seventies 12.30am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: Five Days* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here..? 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Knight Rider 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Little Gloria...Happy at Last 12.20am Tales from the Darkside 12.45 Jobfinder 1.45 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 11.25am Ysgolion 12.00 Interval 12.45pm Percy French 1.45 Their Lordships' House 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Racing 4.30 Amgiberfa 4.45 Chwarter Call 5.00 Rhew Poeth 5.30 The Tube 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Ma 'Nan Ma 8.10 Cyfrng Gyngor Newyddion/News Headlines 8.40 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.40 Film: Another Country 11.25 Jazz 12.05am Closedown.

FREE GUIDE TO GILTS

WHY THE SMART MONEY IS GOING INTO GILTS

The budget has created the most exciting climate for gilts in years. The Chancellor has set the scene for further substantial falls in interest rates. Bad news for building society investors, but excellent news for investors in gilts.

When interest rates fall, there are significant profits to be made in gilts. For example, a 2% drop in interest rates could mean a 20% rise in long-dated gilt values.

Gilts still offer a return of about 9% a year – about 5% higher than the current inflation rate and 5½% higher than the yield on shares. It's time to buy – the clever investor is already doing so.

The Ætna Gilt-Edged Bond is the top performing pure UK fixed interest fund since launch, up 27%.*

- ● No initial charge. 5% saving over most gilt funds.
- ● No Capital Gains Tax.
- ● Up to 10% a year NET withdrawals, monthly on investments of £2500 or more (equivalent to 13.7% for a basic rate tax payer).

Voted first for value for money and investment performance in 1986 by the Financial Weekly/Martin Paterson award panel. The Ætna Gilt-Edged Bond has already attracted over £50 million from 10,000 investors.

ACT NOW – before yields fall further

Ætna is the UK arm of the world's largest publicly quoted insurance group with assets equivalent to £41 billion. Ætna Life Insurance Company Ltd., 401 St. John Street, London EC1V 4QE. Reg. No. 1766230.

*Source: Micropal (1 3 86-23 3 87).

Phone our Customer Care Centre. Dial 100 and ask the operator for FREEFONE Ætna. The Centre is open from 8am to 8pm each weekday.

Ætna

OR

Please complete and send the coupon in an envelope addressed to: Ætna Life Insurance Company Ltd FREEPOST, London EC1B 1NA. Please send my FREE Guide to Gilts and details of the Ætna GILT-EDGED BOND to:

Name (Mr, Mrs, Miss) ______

Address ______

Postcode ______ Date of Birth ______

Usual Professional adviser (if any) ______

PS If you are self-employed or have no company pension, please tick the box so we can also send you details of Ætna's new Gilt-Edged Pension Bond. ☐

the Gilt-Edged BOND

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo VHF
News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then 10.00 and 12.00 midnight
5.30 Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Andy Peebles 12.30 Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Singled Out, with Janice Long 7.00 Andy Peebles 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show. Featuring Bad Company.
VHF stereo radios 1 and 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm as Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo VHF
News on the hour (except 8.00pm, 9.00) Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 Sports Desks 6.31, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only) 4.00 Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Anita Harris 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg says "Thanks for the Memory" 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.30 The Organist Entertains with Nigel Ogden 10.00 Black Magic 10.30 Vince Hill 11.00 Stuart Hall 1.00am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours. News 7.30 The Folk Entertainers 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Loved by the Gods 8.30 Music Now 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News: Look Ahead 9.45 Hotel du Lac 10.00 News 10.01 Sing Gospel 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme 10.30 Business Matters 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 In the Meantime 11.25 A Letter From Northern Ireland 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Jazz For The Asking 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours News 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Nature Notebook 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The European Community 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Science in Action 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter From Northern Ireland (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Music Now 9.45 The Wind in the Willows 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From The Weeklies 11.30 Multitrack 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 About Britain 12.45 Recording of the Week 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Soundtracking 1.45 Nature Notebook 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 The Vintage Chart Show 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Here's Humph! 5.45 The World Today. All times GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only). Education Otherwise.
6.55 Weather 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert. Spohr, Overture: Jessonda (Berlin RSO under Gerd Albrecht); Haydn, Piano Concerto in D major (H XVIII 11) (Moscow CO with soloist Vasso Devetzi); Bloch, Suite hébraique (Mn SO under David Epstein, with Marcus Thompson, viola); Debussy, Danse sacrée et danse profane (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, with Osian Ellis, harp).
8.00 News
8.05 Morning Concert (cont). Clementi, Sonata in G minor, Op 50 No 3 (Lamar Crowson, piano); Rössler, Concerto No 3, in E flat major (Prague RSO, with Zdenek Tylsar, horn, Bedrich Tylsar, horn, and Frantisek X. Thuri, harpsichord).
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Hubert Parry. Jerusalem (1916); From a city window (1918); Air; Frolic (An English Suite); Bogies and Sprites (Shulbrede Tunes) (1914); Choral Prelude on Martyrdom (1916); Never weather beaten sail; Lord, let me know mine end (Songs of farewell, 1916); Toccata and Fugue, Op posth (The Wanderer).
10.00 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Nicholas Kraemer, with Richard Watkins (horn). Mozart, Horn Concerto No 2, in E flat (K 417); Divertimento in D major (K 131).
10.45 Schubert Songs, with Robert Holl (bass) and Konrad Richter (piano). Glaube, Hoffnung und Liebe; Totengrabers Heimweh; Leiden der Trennung; Abschied (An Franz Schober); Schwanengesang: Das Fischermadchen, Die Stadt, Am Meer, Der Doppelganger; Ihr Bild; Der Atlas.
11.30 Lindsay String Quartet plays Dvorak's Cypress Quartet No 12; Quartet in A flat, Op 105.
12.10 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, under Bryden Thomson, with Ernst Kovacic (violin). Part one: Elgar's Cockaigne Overture (In London Town), and Peter Dickinson's Violin Concerto (first performance)
1.00 News
1.05 BBC PO. Part two: Vaughan Williams's Job: a masque for dancing.
2.00 Oboe, Cor Anglais and Piano, with Andrew Knights and Jane Dodd. Nielsen, Fantasy pieces, Op 2; Hindemith, Sonata for cor anglais and piano; Dutilleux, Sonata for oboe and piano.
2.35 Collegium Aureum. Michael Haydn, Incidental music: Zaire; Leopold Hoffmann, Flute Concerto in D.
3.20 Beethoven's Cello Sonatas, with Raphael Sommer (cello) and Daniel Adni (piano). Beethoven's Sonata in C major, Op 102 No 1, and Britten's Sonata, Op 65.
4.00 Choral Evensong, recorded at Rochester Cathedral.
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure, presented by Rodney Slatford.
6.55 News
7.00 Lenten Oratorios. Carissimi's Jonas, and Charpentier's O crux ave spes unica; Populo meus.
7.30 Iphigenia in Tauris, by Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, translated by David Luke, with Maureen O'Brien and Anton Lesser. Music composed and conducted by Christos Pittas.
9.15 Stuttgart Piano Trio. Part one: Mozart's Trio in G major (K 496), and Brahms's Trio in C minor, Op 101.
10.05 Sequences V. Traffics and Discoveries. Compilation of poetry inspired by Rudyard Kipling's short stories.
10.25 Stuttgart Piano Trio. Part two: Beethoven's Piano Trio in E flat, Op 1 No 1.
11.00 Northern Sinfonia, under Yan Pascal Tortelier (violin). Rameau, Suite: Les fêtes d'Hebé; Chabrier, Idyll; Sous bois (Suite pastorale); Dvorak, Romance in F minor, for violin and orchestra; Roussel, Concerto for small orchestra.
11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 Today's News 7.25, 8.25, Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.50 Your Letters 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs. The late David Penhaligon in conversation with Michael Parkinson (s)
9.45 Stories in Verse. Robert Powell reads favourite tales: The Pied Piper of Hamlin.
10.00 News; International Assignment. BBC Correspondents report from around the world.
10.30 Morning Story. Homecoming, by Robert Farrington, read by Garard Green.
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Echoes of Lost Tibet. Unique memories of British travellers who recall the Tibet of the past, a magical world on the roof of the world, virtually unknown to outsiders. 2: The Forbidden Land.
11.48 They Shouldn't Be Allowed Outside (new series). Peter White recalls how he was determined to enjoy his boyhood to the full despite his blindness.
12.00 News; The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper.
12.27 Big Sam and the Figaro Club. Six anarchic tales from demob days 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One. News
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Birmingham, with Marjorie Lofthouse. The Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore, on the eve of his retirement, looks back at his career as Bishop of Birmingham. Jean Holden finds out about the dedication and training to become a modern missionary.
3.00 News; Martin Chuzzlewit, by Charles Dickens in 10 parts (8)
4.00 News
4.05 Jones the Borough. A Welshman in London. E B Byron talks to Margaret Howard about how he has retained his Welshness in the bustle of London.
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Recording of last night's programme.
5.00 PM. News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News. Financial report.
6.30 Going Places. Clive Jacobs and the team survey the world of travel and transport.
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard selects some of the best moments from the last seven days of BBC television and radio (s)
8.20 Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, are David Blunkett (leader, Sheffield City Council), David Alton MP, Roland Long (industrialist) and Elizabeth Peacock MP.
9.05 Law in Action. Weekly magazine about the law and legal practices presented by Joshua Rozenberg.
9.30 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Based on Fact. David Wheeler presents a report on historical drama — how successful is it? And why do writers choose factual stories?
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Victory, by Joseph Conrad (5) 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending. Satirical review (s)
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Earth Search 11.20 Playtime (s) 11.35 Music Workshop (s) 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner 2.05 Let's Join In 2.25 Instruments of the Orchestra (s) 2.40 Listen! 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 12.30-1.10am Schools Night Time Broadcasting (s) Graphicacy: Symbols, Shapes and Spaces.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m:1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC:**1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

هكذا من الأصل

Bids for Dennis meet late failure

Mark Dennis, the troubled **Southampton** defender, rejected moves to both **Luton Town** and **Queen's Park Rangers** yesterday, and will remain at The Dell for the time being after failing to beat yesterday's transfer deadline.

Chris Nicholl, the Southampton manager, said that Dennis had been unable to settle personal terms with Luton after the clubs had agreed a fee of £60,000.

Nicholl added that QPR had wanted to sign the defender on loan until the end of the season, but Dennis was unhappy with the arrangement.

Stoke signed Gerry Daly, **Shrewsbury's** Republic of Ireland midfield player, for £15,000. Dave Waller will also move from Gay Meadow, to **Chesterfield**, for a small fee.

Reading signed Neil Smillie on a free transfer after the **Watford** wing had played six games on loan with the second division club in December.

Northampton, the fourth *division leaders who this* week sold Richard Hill to Watford for £235,000, bought Paul Bunce, a midfield player, from **Leicester** for £5,000. City signed **Manchester United's** Martin Russell for £25,000.

A late flurry of activity at **York City** saw Denis Smith, the manager, sign **Wigan's** John Lowey on loan; Wigan have borrowed Alan Whitehead, City's centre half. Smith also loaned Derek Hood, a defender, to **Lincoln**.

Stockport, at the bottom of the fourth division, transferred Chris Marples, the Chesterfield goalkeeper — and a former Derbyshire wicketkeeper — for £9,500, and **Darlington** signed Stephen Bell — a winger once tipped as a £1 million player by Jack Charlton at Middlesbrough — on a non-contract agreement from a local non-league side.

Arsenal purchase Leicester's Smith to add goal power

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

George Graham, who has been pleasantly surprised by the success of his present Arsenal squad, has started building for the future. Yesterday, a few hours before the transfer deadline of five o'clock, he completed the signing of Alan Smith from Leicester City for a fee believed to be £800,000.

Smith, who earlier this year rejected a transfer to Chelsea for a larger sum, will not immediately move to Highbury. As is becoming the English custom, he has been allowed to stay at Filbert Street until his club, currently 18th, is no longer haunted by the fear of relegation to the second division.

Unless Leicester do so by April 20, there could be an awkward complication. They are scheduled to visit Arsenal *that night*. "The agreement is for them to keep him until they are out of trouble", Graham said. "If they are not by then and we need points as well, it could be a problem".

The delay is a clear indication that, in spite of the timing of the deal and in spite of widespread speculation, the conscience of Graham has not been gripped by a sense of urgency. Nor should it have been. His opening season at Arsenal was a spectacular and unexpected triumph until three weeks ago. By then, they had already reached the final of the Littlewoods Cup, the quarter-final of the FA Cup and the pinnacle of the first division, where they had stood for four months. Their recent decline, which followed their exhausting collision with Tottenham Hotspur, was seemingly long overdue.

Their collapse has been dramatic. Without a victory in their last eight League games, they have claimed only one goal. But Smith, Leicester's leading scorer with 17 goals so far, represents an investment for later in the year, although he could yet settle into his role in the closing weeks.

In employing the long ball, Arsenal made little use of their most talented individual, Nicholas, but the system worked. Graham, who was watching Dixon and Barnes among other experienced forwards, bought only the relatively unknown Groves from Colchester United for £75,000.

Keown had been sold at the end of last season. After the departures of Caton, Robson and Woodcock, Graham was left with a surplus of over £1.2m. He can afford to strengthen his squad still further and he indicated yesterday that will do so "if the right players are available".

He described his new acquisition, whom he had investigated since last October, as "a good team player. He has great touch and he brings others into the game as well as scoring goals. He also speaks French, German and Spanish, which should be useful for Europe".

Smith, who first heard about Arsenal's interest on Wednesday, is primarly concerned about Leicester's safety. "Then I want to help my new colleagues upstage the Merseyside clubs", he commented. But for his transfer, closing day in the domestic market was otherwise quiet.

Yet the overall total for the day rose to over £1m for the first time since 1981.Oxford United, having sold Aldridge to Liverpool, bought Foyle from Aldershot for £140,000. *In the only other deal involving* six figures, McQueen moved from Aberdeen to West Ham United.

DEADLINE TRANSFERS

Name	From	To	Fee
Alan Smith	Leicester City	Arsenal	£800,000
Martin Foyle	Aldershot	Oxford Utd	£140,000
Tommy McQueen	Aberdeen	West Ham	£125,000
Garth Crooks	WBA	Charlton	£75,000
Stewart Evans	WBA	Plymouth	£50,000
Martin Russel	Manchester Utd	Leicester City	£25,000
Dave Waller	Shrewsbury	Chesterfield	£20,000
Gerry Daly	Shrewsbury	Stoke	£15,000
Jimmy Phillips	Bolton	Glasgow R	Unknown
Paul Jones	Oldham	Blackpool	Unknown
Steve Lynex	Leicester City	WBA	£5,000
Neil Smillie	Watford	Reading	Free
Tommy Sword	Hartlepool	Stockport	Unknown
Chris Marples	Chesterfield	Stockport	Unknown
Andy Thackeray	Huddersfield	Newport	Unknown
Steve Sherlock	Cardiff	Newport	Unknown
Kjetil Osvold	Lilleström	Nottingham F	£90,000
John Deakin	Doncaster	Grimsby	Free
Gary Stevens	Brentford	Hereford	Unknown
Paul Bunce	Leicester City	Northampton	£5,000
Paul Raynor	Huddersfield	Swansea	Unknown
Jimmy Harvey	Hereford	Bristol City	Unknown
Andy Robinson	Bury	Carlisle	Free
Mark Cooper	Cambridge	Tottenham	Unknown
Steve Berry	Newport	Swindon	Unknown
Robert Taylor	Portsmouth	Newport	Unknown

Ousted Batey wants to go for Robson

Bryan Robson, the England captain, has been earmarked as the ideal player-manager for Sunderland by a group of businessmen who want to take over the struggling second division football club. Barry Batey, who was voted off the Sunderland board yesterday after blocking a £1 million share issue, said the consortium were ready to step in with a £1.5 million package.

Batey, who would become chairman in place of Bob Murray, said the first task would be to remove Lawrie McMenemy, the club's managing director, and go for Robson, the Manchester United midfield player who was born near Sunderland in Chester-le-Street.

"When you consider the wages we are paying out, we could have the England captain here," said Batey.

United poised to build a Barcelona-style stadium

By Stuart Jones

One club has been notable for its absence from the domestic market place. Manchester United, once the biggest *spenders* in Britain, have stood on the periphery this season and watched their four rivals — Everton, Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur and now Arsenal — acquire an array of expensive assets.

In attempting to appease supporters who are growing increasingly impatient, United cannot claim to have provided either success or entertainment with their present squad. Even Alex Ferguson, their manager, accepts that his side is an "ordinary" member of an "ordinary" first division.

But their followers should be patient. Bobby Charlton, a director, has revealed to *The Times* that there are plans to transform Old Trafford and its environment into one of the biggest clubs in the world. *Details, which have yet to* be finalised, will be confirmed "in the near future".

Charlton, who was with Ferguson in Spain last week, says that United have met representatives of both Barcelona and Real Madrid, giants whose organisations dwarf all those in the rest of Europe. Old Trafford, already "the best appointed ground" across the globe, is to be improved along similar lines.

"We have talked to them about how they designed and built their complexes", Charlton said. Barcelona, for instance, have an indoor stadium that acts as a training ground and can house 27,000 people. United were thinking of constructing one of their own, seating 10,000 spectators.

"We had to shelve that idea when the European ban on English clubs came into operation. But we already have a basketball court, like Barcelona, and we will be enlarging all of our present facilities to make it more than just a football club, as they do in those two Spanish cities".

"We will be looking to involve more than 50 per cent of the capacity crowd in the stadium itself and we will not disassociate ourselves with away supporters. The Government has already accepted our plans and we are now looking into the possibility of grants and gaining the assistance of local authorities".

GET GRRROWING.

You have until
April 4th to gain even more from
the Aggressive Growth PEP.

If you've a lump sum of £2,400, and want to shelter some of your future capital gains from C.G.T. (but are not afraid of taking higher than average risks for the prospect of higher returns), then the time to act is now.

Of course, with Aggressive Growth, the value of your investments may go down as well as up.

But not without reason did Hill Samuel achieve the '86 Money Observer Unit Trust Premier Group Performance Award.

So call 0800 100 100 or complete and return the coupon without delay.

Because the sooner you respond, the more you have to gain.

To: David J Riley, Hill Samuel Investment Services Ltd, FREEPOST, Croydon CR9 9LH. Tel: 0800 100 100, Anytime. Free of charge.
Please tell me more about your Aggressive Growth PEP.
Name__________
Address__________
__________ Postcode_____
Business tel:_____ Home tel:_____

HILLSAMUEL
INVESTMENT SERVICES
T/27/3/868

Bingham remains loyal to N Ireland

Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland football manager, has decided against taking up a nine-month option on his £100,000-a-year coaching post with Al Naser, the Saudi Arabian club. "I am honouring my contract with the Irish FA, who have approved of me being in the Middle East for a year," he said yesterday. "Now I will be concentrating solely on the Irish job."

Bingham has had outstanding success in Saudi Arabia, where his club won the King's Cup and finished second in the first division. "They wanted me to stay, but I've looked at every aspect and decided to come home," he added. "The money is good, but money isn't everything."

Bingham, who is under contract with the Irish FA until 1990, will have further talks with them on Monday in an attempt to increase his £17,000 salary as their part-time manager.

"We are delighted that he has decided not to remain in the Middle East and now look forward to him fulfilling the remainder of his contract and being based in Britain," said David Bowen, the Irish FA secretary.

Since succeeding *Danny* Blanchflower as manager in 1980, Bingham has steered Northern Ireland to two British championship wins, as well as qualification for the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals.

Impatience grows with slow merger moves

By John Goodbody

John Wheatley, the director of the Sports Council, yesterday denied reports that Government funding of athletics would be halted until one governing body is set up. He agreed however that there was "impatience" with the slowness towards unification.

Mr Wheatley said: "The grant for the current year is conditional upon discussions taking place rather than a commitment of unification."

The council will meet the athletics authorities next week when "major strategic issues will be discussed."Athletics in the United Kingdom has been in the ludicrous position, through years of tradition, of having 19 governing bodies. Some entrenched interests want the situation to remain rather than having a federation.

But the anomoly has become absurd in the present popularity of the sport which has been associated with big sponsorships, mass participation and a £10m television contract.

As Mr Wheatley says: "One body is paying Corporation Tax and others are showing a deficit in their accounts." A Council report, states that there has been a reluctance by some people to implement the inevitable unification proposed by the Buyers Report nearly 20 years ago.

Mr Wheatley adds: "The Grant Assessment Panel is saying 'We cannot go on like this'".

Mr Wheatley stressed that the Council is not ordering athletics to establish one body. "It is not in our power to do this." But he did say that next week's meeting would centre on the future of the sport, and the security of its funding. But it is clear that the question of unification is central

Alan Smith: a multilingual forward to end the goal shortage at Highbury

Highly charged Italians give Cambridge a tough time

By Jim Railton

There was, as expected, much shouting and arm waving on the Tideway yesterday when Cambridge challenged a top-class Italian crew from Naples. The Italians, representing Campania Gen-Set, included the Abbagnale brothers, the Olympic and world gold medal winners, plus the world silver medal-winning coxless pair and four members of the Italian national eight.

The Italians are among the 420 eights in London to compete in tomorrow's Head of the River race, which will be rowed from Mortlake to *Putney at 3.45. The Boat Race* itself takes place at 12.15.

Cambridge elected to row a one-minute and a three-minute contest against the Italians, who attempt to explore rates approaching 50 strokes a minute. Consequently, in the first combat over a minute, the Italians, in a joyous but somewhat exhausted mood, finished a quarter-of-a-length up. The three-minute contest lasted only for two when, predictably, the crews clashed. The highly rated Italians were up by half a length but Cambridge were hanging in well.

Before that the Boat Race crews came under the whip of tomorrow's umpire, Colin Moynihan, the Conservative MP for Lewisham East, who coxed and boxed for Oxford.

He will keep a weather-eye on tomorrow's coxing.

OXFORD: Bow, H Pelham (St Edward's and Christ Church), 13st 9½lb; 2, P Gish (Dartmouth College, US and Oriel), 14st 3lb; 3, T Ward (King's, Chester and Oriel), 13st 9lb; 4, P Gleeson (St Martin's, Brentwood and Hertford), 14st 12lb; 5, R Hall (Wymondham, Robinson and Oriel), 14st 7½lb; 6, D Macdonald (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield), 13st 13lb; 7, T Cadoux-Hudson (St Mary's Hospital and New College), 14st 5lb; stroke, G Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham), 16st 7lb; cox: A Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol), 8st 3lb.

CAMBRIDGE: Bow, I Clarke (Stourport and Fitzwilliam), 12st 6½lb; 2, B Spink (Sherborne and Downing), 14st 0½lb; 3, N Grandy (St Edward's and Jesus), 12st 9lb; 4, M Brittle (Hampton and Robinson), 14st 8½lb; 5, S Peel (King's, Chester and Downing), 13st 8½lb; 6, J Pew (Episcopal Academy, US, Stanford and Trinity), 14st 13lb; 7, J Garman (Shrewsbury and St John's), 14st 2lb; stroke, P Broughton (Kelly College, Southampton University and Magdalene), 14st 1lb; cox: J Wollson (Eton and Pembroke), 8st 12lb.

Today's outings: Oxford 8 and 11.30; Cambridge 7.30 and 11.45, from Putney.

Players deny fixing Irish snooker game

Tony Meo and Tony Knowles angrily dismissed allegations that they had fixed a match on Wednesday during the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters snooker contest at Goffs, co Kildare, in order to make a betting coup.

Meo hammered Knowles 5-2 in the first round but bookmakers in Belfast and Donegal had suspended betting on the match before it got under way.

"It's ridiculous. There is not a word of truth in it," Meo said. Knowles called the allegations "ludicrous".

Paul Hatherell, of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, said: "If we are given evidence then the affair will be fully investigated by the association. "We have had investigations in the past which were submitted to the fraud squad at Scotland Yard but no case has ever been proved."

However, Mark Wildman, a member of the association's board, said: "We can afford to be naive no longer and the fact that players bet on themselves and the matches must be on the agenda for our next meeting."

Meo was rated a 7-4 chance against Knowles - a very generous bet considering Knowles' lack of form.

There was an allegation of match fixing, when Knowles lost 5-1 to Silvino Francisco in the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley last year. There were further rumours two months ago when Francisco beat his nephew, Peter Francisco in the Mercantile Credit classic, but, as Hatherell pointed out, investigations exonerated the players concerned.

£1m race launched by Goffs

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

The world's first £1 million two-year-old race was launched here yesterday. The event, to be known as The Million, will be run over seven furlongs at Phoenix Park on October 1, 1988.

The idea for the race has been copied from the Fosters Magic Million sale in Queensland.

Only yearlings sold there were eligible to compete in the Australian race and entry for The Million will be confined to 250 yearlings sold at a select sale run by Goffs this October.

The financing of the race largely rests upon the vendors as each of them will have to pay £2,000 into the race fund together with 2½ per cent of the sale price.

SPORT IN BRIEF

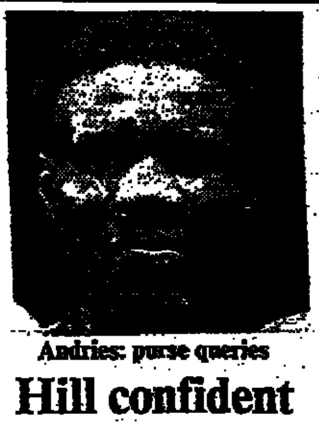
Manager to tell all

Greg Steene, the boxing manager, has promised to give a full answer next week to claims that he sold Dennis Andries short when he arranged the Londoner's defence of his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title against Tommy Hearns in Detroit on March 7. After Andries had lost his crown it was alleged that Steene had rejected a potentially more lucrative offer for Andries to box in Britain.

Steene, who arrived home from America last Saturday, said he would give his version of events next week.

On the bill

Paul Hodkinson, the impressive young Kirkby featherweight, bids for his seventh consecutive professional victory when he tackles Russell Jones, the Welsh super featherweight champion, at King's Hall, Belfast on April 25. It will be one of the supporting fights when Larne's Dave McAuley challenges *Fidel Bassa* of Colombia for the WBA world flyweight title.



Andries: purse queries

Hill confident

Jimmy Hill is confident that his old club Fulham can be saved — and will play on at Craven Cottage. The television soccer expert is assembling a consortium of businessmen who hope to take over the day-to-day running of the threatened third division club. Hill met David Bulstrode, chairman of Fulham's owners Marler Estates, yesterday

Senna close

Brazilian formula-one ace Ayrton Senna went close to his own previous lap record of 1min 25.05 at the Imola autodrome yesterday during test runs of the Lotus team before the San Marino Grand Prix on May 3. Senna covered the lap in 1min 26.8sec.

Missing out

Mark Stuart, the midfield player, and central defenders, Peter Shirtliff and John Pender could be the three sad men of Charlton on Sunday when the club play Blackburn in the Full Members Cup Final at Wembley. Stuart has just recovered from chickenpox and Shirtliff and Pender have been out of action with knee problems for the past six weeks.

Pender is definitely a non-starter and the others are clearly short of match fitness. Don Mackay, the Blackburn manager, has no intention of keeping his players in suspense. They will be told the line-up today.

Star line-up

Severiano Ballesteros and two top Americans Lanny Wadkins and Tom Kite, will contest the £200,000 Bell's Scottish Open Golf Championship at Gleneagles, its new venue, from July 8 to 11. Twice, a previous winner, Ballesteros has in the past few years, opted out of the tournament which is the week before the British Open at nearby Muirfield. His appearance this year is a big capture for the Scottish whisky company.

Review of sport in state schools

By John Goodbody

Dick Tracey, the Minister for Sport, yesterday appointed a distinguished educationist, Miss Elizabeth Murdoch, to review the controversy about physical education and sport in state schools.

Mr Tracey has responded to reports of the decline of traditional team games by setting up a short study, to be followed by a forum led by the Sports Council. The Government will have the conclusions at the end of the year.

The Minister said yesterday: "Physical education in schools has undergone many changes in the last 10-15 years. We must aim to ensure that all our children, whatever their ability, receive the full benefit PE and sport can offer. There is a very delicate balance between nurturing the natural competitive spirit and encouraging participation in sport.

"Not all children are future Seb Coes, Frank Brunos, or Bryan Robsons. Not all children want to make, or are capable of making, the first XI, or first XV.

"That does not mean that they should be denied the opportunity to participate and fully enjoy sport," he told delegates to the Sports Council's Recreation Management seminar at Harrogate.

He hopes Miss Murdoch will produce her view from the mounting available evidence by the end of May.

The forum, consisting of representatives from many sports, coaching and educational bodies, will then discuss this review to draw up the final report for the government.

Miss Murdoch is head of the Chelsea School of Human Movement, Brighton Polytechnic. She has a diploma in PE from Dunfermline College, where she later taught, a B.Ed from Leeds University and also an MSc in bio-engineering from Strathclyde University. She has lectured extensively both inBritain and abroad.

Miss Murdoch said last night: "This has been presented as a controversial subject but it does not appear there is an inevitable clash between sport and physical education.

"We are all wanting to do the same thing — the best thing for the children. People are not at loggerheads and we want to sit down and work out a corporate plan."

Asked whether there was opposition in physical education to competitive sport, she replied: "I have only just started work, but it would appear that no one is against competition, as such, at all.

"My job is not to make any judgements or comments. It is merely to collate the evidence and place the issues before the forum."

Mr Tracey said: "A competitive instinct is natural in children. To ignore it, or try to dampen it down, runs the risk of ill-preparing children for the competitive challenges they will face in later life.

"I hold no truck with the view of some that competitive sport is bad for children. In my book that is, frankly, utter nonsense."

Opposition grows to pool threat

The Amateur Swimming Association have delivered a petition with nearly 5,000 signatures to the Sports Council protesting at a recommendation to close the pool at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.

The closure was one of the proposals made by sports consultants in a report to the Council on how to best use their centres.

The ASA believe the Crystal Palace pool is the only one they can use for major internationals. David Reeves, the ASA secretary, who delivered the petition to the Council's headquarters, said: "We have received a flood of letters objecting in the strongest possible terms to closing the pool. We understand that the Council, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the British Olympic Association, and, indeed, many MPs have also been bombarded with letters of protest."

Reeves said the petition should "clearly indicate the depth of feeling that exists against such a suggestion." The Council meets on Monday to discuss the consultants' recommendations.

Waugh denial

The Sussex honorary treasurer Pat Tye yesterday denied a report that the county were interested in signing the Australian all-rounder Steve Waugh. Tye said: "I have no information that we are interested in signing Waugh. Naturally I know what is going on in the club and I am not aware of this."

هكذا من الإصل

THE TIMES

March 21 – 27, 1987

SATURDAY

A weekly guide
to leisure, entertainment
and the arts

It's Paul, but you can call him Al

Paul Simon's most successful album is also his most controversial. Next month he will tour Britain; he talked to Alan Franks about Africa and the politics of music

There was something hugely incongruous about the spectacle of Paul Simon, America's most miniature megastar, fronting a band of black South African musicians at Hamburg's Alsterdorfer Sportshalle last month.

The Sportshalle is a kind of Teutonic Sobell Centre, a place built for playing sport rather than music, with a metal-beamed ceiling of immense, almost infinite height, and acoustics to murder the sharpest of sounds; the kind of place constructed to accommodate high balls rather than high notes.

Nevertheless, the youth of the city had turned out in their thousands to attend a concert full of lyrics which must have been well beyond their linguistic compass; more to the point, they had come to listen to a unique and provocative fusion of officially hostile cultures – the pop of the West, and the township jive of that benighted nation in the basement of the Dark Continent.

Simon, still creative after all these years, looked for all the world like a white lawyer advocating the innocence of a large black clientele. It was a clientele which clearly held him in affectionate awe, touching and patting him at the end of each triumphant number, in the manner of British soccer stars.

As everyone and their aunt must know by now, his new album, *Graceland*, which has already sold four million copies worldwide and around which his imminent tour in this country is based, is the most commercially successful that he has made during a quarter-century of recording. It is also the most controversial, for he is in technical breach of the United Nations boycott which prohibits cultural and sporting links with South Africa. The Sportshalle therefore seemed a particularly appropriate place in which to cock a snook at such prohibitions.

As regards the sound of the music, the consensus among rock critics is that there has never been anything quite like it; the sucrose tenor tones of Simon himself, almost as cool as Perry Como, and underneath, the bashing, crashing, but oh-so-controlled counter-rhythms of the band, and the unplumbable depths of the backing vocal harmonies.

It is all rather like a master chef keeping perfect composure while the kitchen is being smashed up around him. In visual terms, one might look at the stage and wonder what on earth this man is doing up there. In oral ones, there are no explanations needed.

Getting to speak to him is almost as hard as getting a Papal audience; the rock world is perfectly horrible; full of greed, affected privacy, vanity, duplicity, hype, tension, and hypertension. More money than sense. The handlers mind their charge, and husband his energies, like seconds in the corner of a boxing ring. So . . . I walked round the back of the building, went in by the player's entrance, and sat down in the room next to Paul Simon's. The concert was due to start in 45 minutes, and I have never felt more like a man with a burning toothache who has failed to make an appointment with the dentist's secretary.

David Redfern

Miniature megastar, shining like a beacon in a bad world: "Culture flows like water, it's not something that can be cut off"

Twenty minutes to go. "He'll see you now," says a minder. I see him. Now, I know that I run the risk of sycophancy when I say that this man shines like a beacon in a bad world, and that I shall incur the wrath of the African National Congress in so saying. Frankly I don't care, for the music is joyous and healing and democratic, and the United Nations is being blinkered, backward and philistine in effectively opposing its export.

Now in his mid-40s, Paul Simon still comes across as the most implausible figure to have become embroiled in the politics of apartheid. His image remains rooted in the days when he was singing all those tender and introspective songs such as "The Sound of Silence" and "Homeward Bound", with his old sidekick Art Garfunkel, the two of them projecting themselves like choristers in the middle of a trying puberty.

Not any more. "You ask me to play the devil's advocate, to consider the case for the Anti-Apartheid Movement people who say that I should not work with these musicians," he says. "Well, I can't. I just can't do that thing. I believe that they have missed the point entirely, and that they have got themselves into a terrible bind. That boycott was quite clearly defined. There were to be no sporting events, no cultural events. Yet there are no South African members on the committee against apartheid. I mean, who *are* they? What do they consist of? When they say that the UN has decided something, they make you feel – or at least they try to make you feel – that God has spoken. There is something else to remember. Because the ANC's view is so political, they have somehow managed to omit any rules that cover a phenomenon like recording in South Africa with black musicians. That has not been considered." With the exception of one track on the *Graceland* album, all the songs are stridently apolitical, and it is in this fact that the essence of Simon's statement may be found. It can be paraphrased as follows: music *is* political; if I make a series of recordings with black South Africans, it will be seen in a political context. That being said, there is no point whatsoever in my writing and performing songs which have an overtly political message. In other words, he has deliberately eschewed the course taken by such as Woody Guthrie, Ewan MacColl, Leon Rosselson, or the early Bob Dylan.

'Before the tour, the pressure got to us, it pulled us down'

Simon is acutely aware of the hackles he raised when in 1985, having heard the cassettes of some 16 black South African bands, he visited the country to see whether the musicians there would be prepared to record with him. "In the weeks preceding the *Graceland* tour, there's no doubt that all the pressure got to us, and that it pulled us down. The recordings raised questions about, oh, I don't know, cultural imperialism, I suppose. 'Did you rip off the musicians, or their culture?' and all that kind of thing. All I can say is that, first, the musicians were very well paid for their work; they had a proper share of the royalties, not only for performing but for writing as well; also, they themselves were very eager for their music to be heard outside their own country.

"When I got to South Africa, I was told by the head of the *de facto* black musicians' union that they had voted on my trip there – who was in favour and who was against – and that they'd come out in favour. Their hope was that I would be able to do something to popularize the music that they played.

"Because of the fact that I'm a white American, this was obviously something that had to be discussed. I accept all that. But the thing about culture is that it flows like water. It's not something that can just be cut off.

"We had a big language problem there, as you can imagine, and we needed an interpreter. There was an accordionist, a very fine musician, who plays on "The Boy in the Bubble", and I would say to him, play a D chord, and he was not the kind of player who thinks in terms of D chords . . . One way and another I had to modify my thinking on how to write songs."

This he certainly did, no less than when on previous travels he had incorporated the influences of reggae and South American musicians.

Simon's defence – and it is a strong one – is that cultural eclecticism is all. He puts it like this: "It is impossible for cultures to survive in isolation . . . The terrible danger about this boycott is that it's imposing a double prejudice against the very people whom it's meant to help. You have these black players who are oppressed and *repressed*, and then, when you try and get their music heard by a wider audience, you are told that this is not possible on account of the fact that they are South Africans. I really do fail to see the logic in that."

Out of the various bands he had heard, Simon lighted on three in particular: Tau Ea Matsekaa, the Boyoyo Boys, and General MD Shirinda and the Gaza Sisters, all of whom play on the *Graceland* album.

The result, as audiences of his forthcoming British concerts will discover, is quite extraordinary – a New York Jewish intellectual intoning words with a decidedly surreal and existentialist character against this pulsing rhythmic backdrop of brass and guitars. These are not songs overtly about race, or discrimination, or South Africa, but rather ones which are, as much of Simon's work has been, addressed to the condition of life in America.

The most popular of the tracks, "You Can Call me Al", derives from a dinner party Simon gave in New York in the early 1970s. "A composer friend of mine came round, and brought Pierre Boulez. I was living with my first wife whose name was Peggy. At the end, when Boulez said goodbye to me, he said: 'Thanks, Al, and give *my* best to Betty,' and we went around the flat for some weeks after that calling each other Al and Betty.

"You say that that song is about an American reaching middle age. Yes, there is that. But when I was writing it, I had a long think about it, and I wondered, well, who am I talking about and of course it was me. It was about all my worst fears.

"But then it goes on to talk about the Third World, about cattle in the market place, about a man seeing angels in the architecture, and so on."

It is at this stage in the interview, just when it is becoming intriguing, that Simon's various managers and roadies stride into the room, picking him up by one elbow, and me by the other. "Yer gonna be late Paul," says one.

"Okay, okay," he replies, leaving for the company which he presently finds more conducive than any other – the exiled trumpeter Hugh Masekela, the singer Miriam Makeba and the other South Africans, whose outlawed cultural condition he is trying to repeal in the only way he knows.

Fusion: Simon with Graceland collaborators (from left) Miriam Makeba, Ray Phiri and Hugh Masekela – "The hope was *that I would be able to do something to popularize the music that they played . . . they were eager for it to be heard*"

SIMON'S TRACKS

With Art: *Bookends*, 1968

Paul Simon's recording career spans three decades. It survived an often-stormy association with Art Garfunkel, a friend since high school in Forest Hills, New York. In 1957, aged 15, and calling themselves Tom and Jerry, they had a one-off hit with Simon's "Hey, Schoolgirl".

They admired the Everley Brothers, but Bob Dylan inspired their first LP in 1964, Wednesday Morning, 3 am. This sold poorly until one track, "The Sounds of Silence", became a million-selling single in a new, electric version dubbed "Folk rock". Simon and Garfunkel were launched and the duo had its heyday from 1966 to 1970.

He wrote quiet, highly-crafted songs; their intelligence and social relevance appealed to rock's more literate audience. Such thoughtfulness, untypical in pop, ensured his development as a writer, from the folky *Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme* (1966) to the more colloquial, ironic *Bookends* and *The Graduate* (both 1968).

Solo: film score, 1980

But Garfunkel's more limited role created friction and the partnership declined after the release of their masterpiece, *Bridge Over Troubled Water* (1970).

Simon's subsequent albums have been painstakingly infrequent, but brilliant and adventurous in assimilating different musical styles, whether it be reggae on *Paul Simon* (1972), gospel (*There Goes Rhymin' Simon*, 1973), a Peruvian folk group (*Live Rhymin'*, 1974) or Soweto street music (*Graceland*).

Michael Watts

SATURDAY

Best of British arts and music – a selection of festivals through the year, page 43

Arts Diary	41	Out and About	39
Bridge	41	Opera	44
Chess	41	Photography	44
Concerts	44	Radio	44
Crossword	41	Review	41
Dance	44	Rock & Jazz	44
Drink	40	Shopping	40
Eating Out	40	Television	44
Films	44	Times Cook	40
Galleries	44	Travel	38
Gardening	39	TV films	44

TOWN & COUNTRY
BUILDING SOCIETY

Founded 1853. Assets exceed £1,230 million. Over 250 branches and agencies.
Member of the Building Societies Association.
Shares and deposits in this Society are Trustee Investments.

Super 60

9·50 %† NET = 13·38%* Balance £10,000 and over
9·25 %† NET = 13·03%* £500-£9,999

Only 60 days' notice or immediate withdrawal with the loss of 60 days' interest. No notice or penalty provided minimum balance of £5,000 remains after any withdrawal. Minimum investment of £500 or £1,000 if monthly income. Interest rate of 0.25% less than current rate if interest paid half yearly and 0.5% less if paid monthly.

2 Year Super Term Shares

Guaranteed Extra At Least 3·25%♦ 9·25 %† NET = 13·03%*

♦Above variable ordinary share rate on balances £10,000 and over. Minimum investment £10,000. 90 days' notice or immediate withdrawal with loss of 90 days' interest. Monthly income available at 0.5% less than current rate.

Supershares

9·00 %† NET = 12·68%* Balance £10,000 and over
8·50 %† NET = 11·97%* £500-£9,999

Immediate withdrawal with no penalty. Minimum investment £500.

Moneywise Cheque Account, Visa & Link ATM Card

8·75 %† NET = 12·32%* Balance £25,000 and over
8·25 %† NET = 11·62%* £10,000-£24,999
8·00 %† NET = 11·27%* £2,500-£9,999
4·75 %† NET = 6·69%* £250-£2,499

Immediate withdrawal with your own cheque book. Minimum investment £250

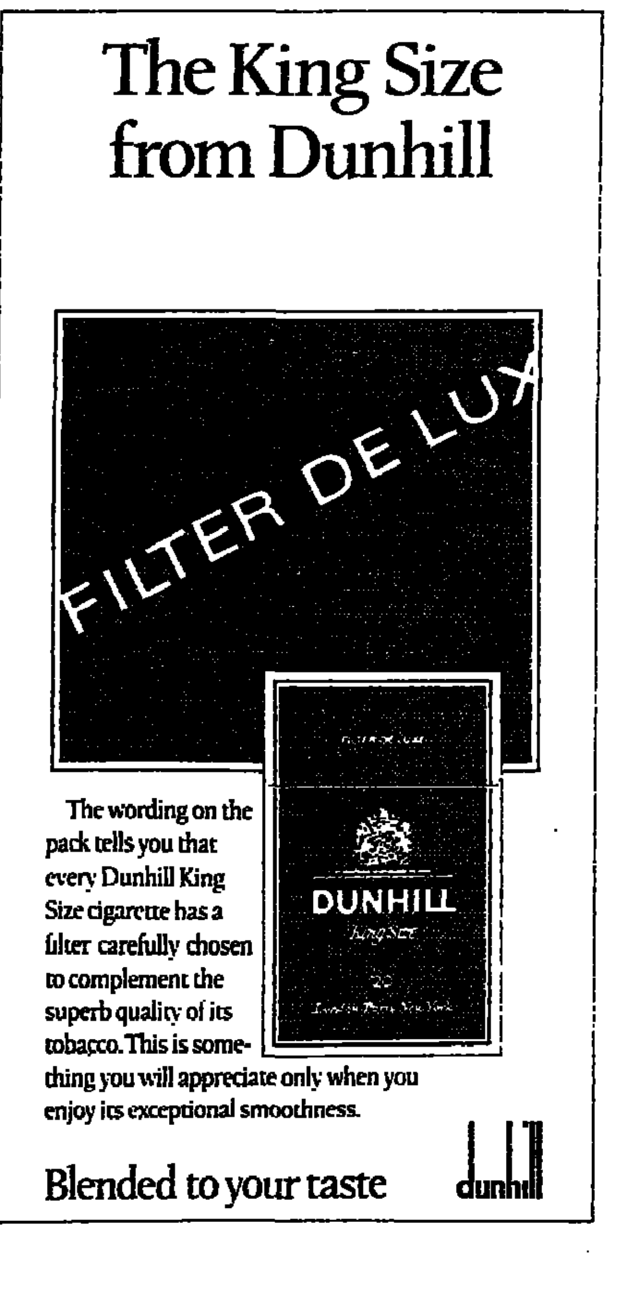
†Interest credited or paid annually on 30th June.
*Gross equivalent rate to income tax payers at 29%. All rates quoted are variable.
Send the coupon now to: Town & Country Building Society, 215 Strand, FREEPOST, London WC2R 1BR. Or telephone 01-353 1475.

Please send full information about Town & Country accounts. T17

Name ______

Address ______

______ Postcode ______


The King Size from Dunhill

The wording on the pack tells you that every Dunhill King Size cigarette has a filter carefully chosen to complement the superb quality of its tobacco. This is something you will appreciate only when you enjoy its exceptional smoothness.

Blended to your taste

مأخوذ من الأصل

The plain guide to Hungary

Debrecen, on the Great Hungarian Plain, has been called the biggest village in Europe. **Hilary Finch** wondered why she was there

Her hair dragged back into a bun, her spectacles glinting down on to her grey knitting, an elderly woman at a large desk guarded a glass case full of brown and manila books, and invigilated a roomful of nursing mothers and young soldiers idly smoking. It was the waiting-room at Debrecen station. One-and-a-half days to Moscow or two-and-a-half hours to Budapest and, in between, the largest expanse of the flattest flat land in Central Europe, the Great Hungarian Plain.

"No well, no river, no fuel and no building material," wrote Robert Townson when he visited Debrecen in 1793. He wondered why he'd come, and so did I. Under skies heavy with the year's rain which never, it seems, actually falls, I waited for the world to descend on what is known in the East as the biggest village in Europe. It didn't. Chernobyl had scared away most musicians from the West, and the Béla Bartók International Choral Competition had turned into an Eastern European eisteddfod. I set off for the zoo.

It was not a good place to begin, and it served me right for believing the guidebook. While loftily ignoring the ubiquitous nagging paragraphs about the ball-bearings factory, I was completely taken in by the claims of the "Great Forest" of Nagyerdő, which lies north of the town and is in fact a dusty public park, implanted with spa and swimming pool — and the world's worst zoo.

There was a catatonic lion in a cage big enough for a dog, a Siamese cat next door to a fox, any number of enclosures housing Vietnamese pigs, and a dry cage full of seagulls. A dead duck floated on the wildfowl pond. I drank some purple cherryade (you'd be hard put to it to find anything *not* made from cherries between May and August), in a café with scarlet flock wallpaper, and fled.

The next day, the rains came. I ate cold cherry soup in the Aranybika Hotel. Nobody can agree as to whether this hysterically noble monument to *fin-de-siècle* travel, with its turrets, vast sky-lit foyer and dining lounges, was named after a certain János Bika, or after the Golden Bull whose sign it displays. But its name has rolled off the tongues of travellers east of Budapest for at least a century, and its status justifies the pride of Debrecen, the market town which has twice found itself the capital of Hungary: at the end of the 1849 War of Independence — when the Kossuth government proclaimed from its centre the deposition of the House of Habsburg — and in 1944, when the Provisional National Government was set up after the Liberation.

'The view from any room shows a town stretching out like a fish's backbone'

The view from any room shows a town stretching out like a fish's backbone. A noisy, tram-clanking north-south thoroughfare, Red Army Street, has the wretched zoo at one end and the station at the other; and in between is a parade of architecture which tells you all you need to know about its history: a neo-classical town hall topped by an iridescent red star, flamboyant *Jugendstil* apartments, neon-lit self-service cafeterias.

Gaggles of geese and girls: preferable to the dry cage full of seagulls in the world's worst zoo, the "Great Forest" north of Debrecen

By the 16th century Debrecen had developed from a medieval market town into an international trade centre: its main street was one huge marketplace for caravans of camels, ostriches, metalworkers, furriers and apothecaries from Vienna, Cracow and Constantinople. Now the street market is a fragrant garden of dark, woody honey, bright yellow peppers, vivid tomatoes and tiny cucumbers: a glut of privately grown produce, juicier and pricier than what can be found at the local co-op.

The Great Church of St András overshadows even the Aranybika. In the Reformation, it was the Protestant temple of Hungary's Calvinist Rome: in its vast white-washed interior, tall wooden pews with seating for 5,000 converge on a potentous pulpit which is altar and ark for the Word — still proclaimed weekly, for Hungary's churches remain active.

Luther and Lenin, Rákóczi and Dimitrov have equal representation in the naming of side streets, and I think I must have worked my way, right and left, down every single one. There is Kossuth *utca*, with its elegant 19th century opera house and the town's best coffee-house opposite. This used to be called the English Queen: now the Káféhás Cokonai keeps up the tradition with a fashionable clientele enjoying pitch-black coffee and cake of which any Habsburg would be proud.

There are Arany János *utca* and Varga *utca*, following the courses they have taken for 600 years, dark green with false acacias shading mid-19th century single-storey houses in chalky shades of ochre and terracotta, and with huge carved wooden doorways for oxcarts to enter their inner courtyards. Behind the main street, Debrecen is still a village, with old women in headscarves and gold earrings peering out from lace curtains on to the east-west highway beyond, noisy with huge grey juggernauts rolling in from the Soviet Union to Budapest.

'I went back to the station waiting-room and chose the longest name I could find'

There were still three days left of my visit. I went back to the station waiting-room and chose the longest name I could find: Hajdúszoboszló (start with "Hoidoo" and take it a syllable at a time). If the ticket seller is patient and you chance on the right platform, it's possible to end up at a small agricultural town, aggrandized overnight into a spa when, in 1925, warm water springs were accidentally discovered during drilling for oil and natural gas.

Anything beginning with "Hajdú" signifies a town inhabited by descendants of Magyar cattle drovers, of southern Slav outlaws who arrived in the 16th century after battles with the Turks, of nomadic highwaymen and fierce fighters against the Hapsburgs. Today old Hajdú men flick the air with hand-plaited horsewhips, and women carry great tin kettles in carrier bags to brew up the thin Georgian tea which is always on special offer.

Hajdúszoboszló, Hajdúdorog, or even Hajdúböszörmény, exist for the tourist as gateways to the Hortobagy itself, the great *puszta*, 200,000 acres of forest and marshland, ravaged by Tartars and Turks, flood and wind, and now settling to pastureland, dry as the desert between the grey river Tisza and its irrigation channels. So flat is this Great Plain that the land itself sinks wearily into the vast circular horizon.

The salty earth, dried out from post-glacial marshes, yields strange sea-plants, miniature mint and mallow; the reed-forests hide clouds of migrant white-fronted geese. The only mirages left are the slow-moving herds of black bison and grey cattle.

The horsemen are tamed for the tourists. At Nagycsárda, the roof of a low eighteenth-century inn was busy with storks. Inside, the smoky salt smell of *Lebbencs leves*, a soup of pasta, fried with bacon, potatoes, onion and paprika, was as welcome as an oasis. Before the first foothills of the Carpathians to the east, there was still a long way to go.

TRAVEL NOTES

The return flight from London to Budapest, by British Airways, costs £160 Superapex Oct-Mar (£207 high season), £378 Eurobudget or £464 Club Class. An inclusive fare, with the train journey to Debrecen, can be arranged through Hungarian Airtours, 3 Heddon Street, London W1 (01-437 9485/1622). General travel information from Danube Travel, 6 Conduit Street, London W1 (01-493 0263). A room at the Aranybika Hotel, Debrecen, with private facilities, costs from about £17 per night.

TRAVEL NEWS

Biters beware

Picture the well-prepared traveller being shown to his spotless new hotel room in southern China, or his sea view suite on the east African coast.

He has taken advice on the resurgence of drug resistant strains of malaria, particularly the killer cerebral malaria, and looks round for the mosquito net he has been advised to sleep under. None has been provided so he unpacks the net he has brought with him, but can find no hook to hang it by. So he lights a couple of mosquito coils, drenches himself in a repellent containing a high concentration of dimethyl phthalate, known to its friends as deet, swallows the correct prophylactic pills and hopes for the best.

However, a self-supporting net will be available later this year from Safari Quip, 13A Waterloo Park, Upper Brook Street, Stockport SK1 3BP. Prices of hanging nets start at £19.25 including post and packing.

The latest advice on malaria precautions can be obtained from the Malaria Reference Laboratory of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1 (01-636 7921).

● **When is a chart not a chart? When it is the Ordnance Survey Inland Waterways Map of Great Britain. For cooking up unlikely excursions — York to Gloucester by coracle, or the Bristol Channel to the Thames estuary without sight of the sea — Nicholson's newest publication (£2.95) is an inspiration to realizable as well as daft dreams.**

Ski deals

With another month of this year's winter sports season still left to ski, Bladon Lines has published an early booking brochure offering guaranteed prices on next winter's holidays.

Resorts include the heavy-duty Sloane winter habitats of Verbier, St Anton, Courmayeur, Meribel and Val d'Isere, and the special deals are on chalet, self-catering and chalet-hotel holidays. Prices of one-week catered holidays rise from £149 flying from Gatwick or Luton and staying in the Chalet Lucrezia — "some parts are very scruffy" — in early December, to £605 for Christmas fortnight in Chalet le Pelaou Blanc, Val D'Isere — "only for discerning clients and not rowdy groups". That's telling them. Bookings 01-785 2200 before June 12 for the special prices, which include half-price children's holidays during the peak Christmas season.

Shona Crawford Poole

Safeguards for the early birds

Some holidaymakers who took the travel trade's advice and booked their summer packages several months ago are now receiving letters from tour operators telling them that the holiday has been changed or cancelled because of "lack of support".

The good news this year, though, is that the number of these "consolidations" will probably be fewer than normal because most big operators have introduced guarantees against major holiday changes, backed up by offers of compensation if the guarantees are not met.

But some of these schemes are more generous than others. Thomson Holidays' guarantee is one of the most comprehensive, protecting the customer against any changes to departure airport, departure date, resort or hotel. Wings has a similar scheme, but guarantees only the hotel grade and not the hotel itself.

Another perennial problem, the aviation-fuel surcharge, has again reared its head this year following the recent rise in the price of crude oil.

Holidaymakers departing in late April or May are currently being invoiced for surcharges, typically about £3.50 per person for a flight from Gatwick to Palma or £8.50 from Luton to Athens. Most major operators have a guarantee limiting fuel surcharges to £10 per person.

Among the few operators giving a blanket guarantee against fuel surcharges this year are Yugotours and the Travel Club of Upminster.

Philip Ray

EASTER IN THE IONIAN CITIES
On a Serenissima Cruise
Sunday 12th April - Friday 24th April 1987

During your journey on our small but comfortably appointed modern ship, you will sail from the Turkish port of Kusadasi on a 10 day cruise visiting Knidos, Rhodes, Lindos, Marmaris, Simi, Patmos (for Easter celebrations), Kos, Bodrum (for Halicarnassus), Priene and Didyma.

Our Easter itinerary also includes 3 days in the magical city of Istanbul, staying in the Sokholu Pasha Hotel - a converted 18th century house, once the residence of the royal physician.

Travelling with you throughout your journey will be a Serenissima Tour Manager, and Guest Lecturer - who won't 'lecture' at all but give informal chats that will doubtless add a new dimension to all you see.

Arrangements are fully inclusive from London, with prices ranging from £1340 to £1670 depending on the cabin.

Serenissima also operate other cruises between April and October to Turkey and Greece. For further information and bookings, please telephone:

01-730 9841

SERENISSIMA
21 Dorset Square London NW1 6QG

RMT
FOR DISCERNING TRAVELLERS

A programme of unusual tours to bring together people with similar interests.

Destinations include:
CHINA: EGYPT: INDIA:
INDONESIA: TANZANIA:
THAILAND.

Prices from £755 to £3350 fully inclusive.

RAOUL MOXLEY TRAVEL
76 Elmbourne Road
LONDON SW17 8JJ
Tel: (01) 672 2437

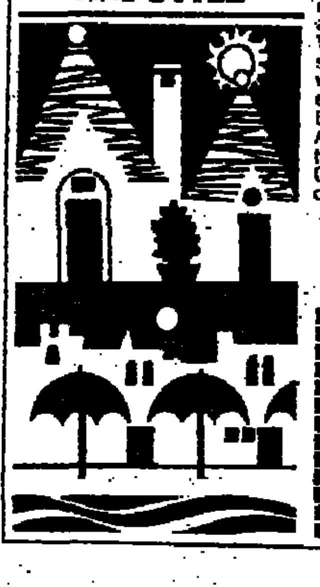
The Romance of the Metro
LYN MACDONALD
For a free copy of this original and fascinating essay on the Paris metro evoking the very history of France, together with our brochure on individual inclusive holidays to that beautiful city, write to:
Time Off Ltd.,
2a Chester Close,
London SW1X 7BQ.
ABTA 88374

CHOOSE YOUR FRANCE...
SUMMER CHARTER FLIGHTS 1987
FROM
PARIS £55
NICE £109
NANTES £99
TOULOUSE £95
MONTPELLIER £99
MARSEILLE £109
CLERMONT FERR'D £79
STRASBOURG £105
All the above are return fares — subject to 50p tax
Fly the cheapest charters to some of the most exciting areas of France. The cities, the country and the beaches. With Nouvelles Frontieres you can either fly with us or let us help you with accommodation — at a price you can afford.
FRENCH WEST INDIES from £299 return from Paris.
MARTINIQUE AND GUADELOUPE Discover, too, the French holiday life style in the exotic sun-soaked beaches of the Caribbean.
Nouvelles Frontieres is France's leading direct selling travel agency, where all flights and holidays represent unbeatable value.
BOOK EARLY
CHOOSE YOUR FRANCE TODAY BY RETURNING COUPON OR PHONING FOR OUR NEW 'FRANCE BY AIR' BROCHURE
NOUVELLES FRONTIERES
Nouvelles Frontieres, 1-2 Hanover Street, London W1R 9WB
Telephone: 01-629 7772
To: Dept T2, Nouvelles Frontieres, 1-2 Hanover Street, London W1R 9WB
Please send me your 'NEW SUMMER' Brochure
Name
Address
Postcode

Classic river cruises with P&O
The Danube, Rhine & Moselle
Discover the heart of Europe cruising one of its magical waterways in comfort with P&O. For a copy of our Great River Cruises brochure, with holidays from £577, see your travel agent, ring us on 01-831 1221, or write to Dept. ARi3, P&O Air Holidays, 77 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1PP.
P&O AIR Holidays

CAREER IN HOTEL-MANAGEMENT?
SWISS DIPLOMA?
U.S. DEGREE?
Or BOTH?
The Director of the
« César Ritz » INSTITUTE
a member of
HOTEL CONSULT SHCC
The most progressive English medium
HOTEL AND CATERING COLLEGES IN
SWITZERLAND
has the pleasure of inviting you to attend a FREE
COURSES INFORMATION SEMINAR
AT THE:
Royal Overseas League, London Park place, St James's SW1 A1LR
Saturday 21. March 1987, from 15.00 – 18.00
Hotel Britannia, Manchester
Thursday 19. March 1987, from 19.00 – 22.00
If unable to attend but wish to have more information please contact:
HÔTELCONSULT SHCC COLLEGES
recognized by the State of Valais SWITZERLAND
P.O. Box 123 CH-3900 Brig-Valais/Switzerland

MANCHESTER TO MANHATTAN MAY 7
Fulfil the fantasy of a lifetime for only £1165!
INCLUDES:
▶ CONCORDE FROM MANCHESTER TO NEW YORK*
▶ DELUXE TRANSFER TO AND FROM JFK AIRPORT
▶ 2 NIGHTS AT THE WORLD FAMOUS WALDORF ASTORIA
▶ ½ DAY SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF MANHATTAN
▶ WIDE-BODY JET BACK TO BRITAIN — DATE AND DESTINATION OF YOUR CHOICE
(*FROM LONDON VIA MANCHESTER – SAME PRICE!)
BUSINESS IN THE BIG APPLE? Compare this package deal price to Concorde flight-only prices!
STOP PRESS! ONLY 40 SEATS LEFT — CONTACT:
7 Albion Street, Leeds 1
(0532) 432525/431606
NORTH AMERICA TRAVEL SERVICE


Go Italy ...Go Apulia ...Go Citalia
Apulia is sunny scenic and superb. It's the Italy where the Italians love to go on holiday.
So much to see - throughout the long summer — from the Baroque masterpieces of Lecce to the picturesque Trulli houses dotting the lovely countryside.
Have fun on the big beautiful sandy beaches. And Apulia is famous for its foods and wines.
Citalia brings you Apulia any way you like. Hotels or self-catering. And new for '87 — two centre holidays and a special fly-drive tour.
You'll love Apulia. Getting there in summer '87 will be easier than ever with flights from Gatwick to Bari every Friday.
Discover the special appeal of Apulia through Citalia's brochure — from your travel agent, telephone 01-680 3100 (24 hrs), or post the coupon.
GO FOR CHOICE, QUALITY AND STYLE
Citalia for the best of Apulia
To Citalia Dept TTCC, 3-5 Lansdowne Road, Croydon CR9 1LL.
Please tell me more about Apulia — send me the Citalia summer brochure
Name
Address

Mauritius
VERY FEW HAVE DISCOVERED IT.
The crowds have not yet come to Mauritius. The lush beauty, the peace and serenity are all yours to enjoy. Air Mauritius has the fastest flight to this Tropical paradise every Sunday. And Thomas Cook can offer you the superb comfort and style of Sun International Hotels coupled with our own experienced care. Why wait? Tel: 01-629 0999 and we'll send you our latest Faraway Holidays brochure. Or just visit any Thomas Cook or Frames Travel branch. You will never forget Mauritius, a rich jewel in the Indian Ocean.
Thomas Cook Holidays

FLY SUPERSONIC
BUDAPEST AND THE DANUBE
ISTANBUL AND TWO CONTINENTS
Fly in style at twice the speed of sound — 1340 m.p.h.
BUDAPEST – May 2 £885
* Concorde London to Budapest and return * V.I.P. Reception * Budapest City Tour * Danube Cruise with Gala Lunch, Gypsy Musicians and Hungarian Folk Dance Ensemble * Commemorative engraved crystal
ISTANBUL – May 5-6 £1199
* Concorde London to Istanbul and return * V.I.P. Welcome Reception at the Palace of Ibrahim Pasa * Visit the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and the Bazaar * One night at the Istanbul Hilton * Bosphorus Cruise with Gala Lunch, musical entertainment and visit to Asia * Commemorative engraved gift.
Both flights include a Welcome Reception and private flight check-in at The Sheraton Skyline Hotel, Heathrow, appropriate meals and champagne on board Concorde, a Concorde Information Pack, Supersonic Certificate and Souvenir, visit to the Flight Deck, and services of experienced Goodwood Travel staff in addition to local guides.
For your fully illustrated brochures and booking forms call us now on Canterbury 0227 65967 or write to "Flights of Fantasy", Goodwood Travel Ltd., St James House, Castle Street, Canterbury, Kent. CT1 2QZ.
Flights of Fantasy
CONCORDE

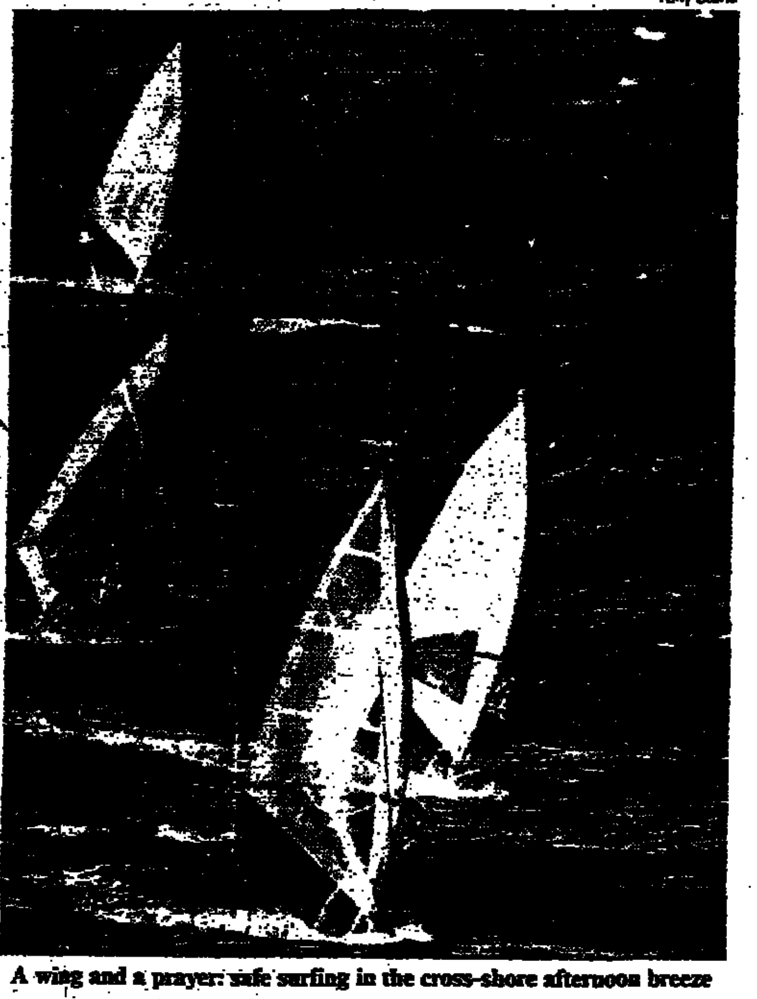
هكذ من الإصل

TRAVEL 2

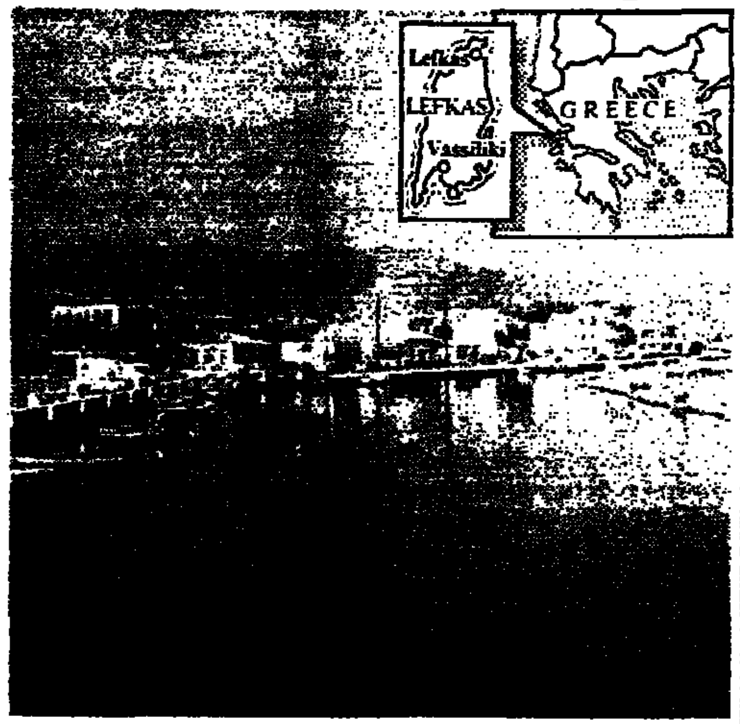
Gone with the windsurfing

The Greek island of Lefkas lays claim to almost perfect conditions for keen water-sportsmen — and their parents. By **Bill Burroughs**

Tony Stone



A wing and a prayer: safe surfing in the cross-shore afternoon breeze



Lazy Lefkas: enough sticky pastries to seduce the sportsmen

We happened upon Vassiliki by chance. We were looking for something that would provide activities for two energetic teenagers and the atmosphere of an unspoilt Greek village for their parents. What we found more than met these needs.

Vassiliki, at the southern end of the island of Lefkas in the Ionian Sea, is billed as having almost perfect windsurfing conditions. It is at the northern end of a deep bay at the head of a startlingly fertile valley, and bounded by a mountainous peninsula to the west and mountains to the north and east.

This topography combines to produce a regular wind pattern which is both ideal for the windsurfer and fascinating to the meteorologist. In the early morning there is hardly a breath of wind. Before lunch a gentle on-shore breeze springs up which, within an hour or two, develops into a brisk cross-shore breeze. By late afternoon it can be blowing up to force 6 or 7 across the bay, but without any appreciable waves.

This means that, early in the day, windsurfing rabbits and water-skiers can take full advantage of the gentle conditions. Later in the day they give way to the experts who can fully exploit the winds to beat well out into the bay and back again with complete safety.

These benefits are combined with another attraction. The mile-long shingle beach shelves only slowly so you can stay in your depth 100 yards out. Beginners can spend their time clambering on to and toppling off their boards with relative ease.

All these factors have led Freedom Holidays to develop a comprehensive windsurfing package claiming that the conditions are unique in Europe. For between £30 and £60 a week, depending on the season, they provide modern boards and excellent tuition for six days. Boards can also be hired by the hour and water-skiing is available at a very reasonable £5 for a generous 10-minute session.

But fear not, those who find such manic activity anathema on a summer holiday will discover that Vassiliki has other charms. A largely unspoilt fishing village clustered round two picturesque harbours, it offers everything needed for those who want whitewashed houses and cascading bougainvillaea, the scent of oleander and summer jasmine, simple food, relaxing on sparkling white beaches and swimming in clear waters.

The village is big enough to offer half a dozen well-stocked tavernas, plus a large coffee shop much patronized by the locals and a place which serves an array of honey and almond-laden pastries. This enabled us to enjoy plenty of indulgent eating with plenty of freshly caught seafood, which gave the lie to the usual comments about the lack of variety in Greek cuisine.

On the far side of the village, a number of secluded coves offered all the delights of an idle beach holiday. For the more adventurous who want to get away from the few people around, a moped ride, a brisk walk or a boat trip could set you down on a truly deserted beach.

The irony of the holiday was that the children were seduced by the indolent life. They were happy to keep us company for much of the time swimming, snorkelling among a myriad of small fish and having extended relaxed meals. So we may go back again, even if we do not take full advantage of the exceptional conditions for water sports.

TRAVEL NOTES

Freedom Holidays, 224 King Street, London W6 0RA (01-741 4471) has village rooms, pension and hotel accommodation. Low season prices, inclusive of flights and transfers start at £221 for 1 week staying in a village room without meals. On the same basis three weeks cost £294. Staying in a hotel in high season the price rises to £303 for 1 week, bed and breakfast; £468 for three weeks.
Falcon Sailing, 33 Notting Hill Gate, London W11 3JQ (01-727 0232) and Sunmed Holidays (Go Greek), Sunmed House, 4-6 Manor Mount, London SE23 3PZ (01-699 8833) also feature Vassiliki, and another four tour operators feature the island of Lefkas.
The National Tourist Organization of Greece, 195 Regent Street, London W1R 8DL (01-734 5997) publishes a list of tour operators featuring Greece.

OUT AND ABOUT

Noisy, smelly, living history

Caroline Phillips joins a Huguenot family at home in East London

Ros Drinkwater

Living in the past: Dennis Severs's house (below left) and some of its inner secrets

Somebody has just died. The straw strewn on the pavement and the cobbled lane outside the house signify as much. Meanwhile the gas lamp flickers above the door, and a wooden handstick indicates that this is a weaver's house. The house is dark inside, except for a few candles, and a Cockney expresses his concern for my safety — before driving his taxi on to Liverpool Street Station.

At 7.30pm, the door opens to reveal a Californian in jeans. This is Dennis Severs in his unique Georgian home in Folgate Street, Spitalfields. It is not open to the public, unless your manner appeals to him when you phone to book, and he also has a reputation for throwing people out if their attitude displeases him — even though they are paying £20 a head for the evening.

On arrival, Severs tells us that he gave up years ago trying to explain the purpose of the visit; but that does not deter this madcap American from talking about his house and its elusive inhabitants as if he had to make up for centuries of silence.

"We're not here to see a house or its pictures, furniture or porcelain. And we're certainly *not* here to learn anything," he lectures the eight people now huddled in his candleht kitchen — a kitchen, like the rest of the house, that is decorated and lived in as it was in the 18th and 19th centuries.

"We're hear to dream and get the 20th century out of our heads," he informs the assembled company, before locking us in his dark and dank 18th-century cellar to facilitate the process. Thus starts a three-hour tour. "Weird," exhales the American woman spilling out of the chair next to mine.

Severs lives in his 1723 home in proxy for a mythical 18th-century Huguenot family of his own extraordinary creation, called the Jervises.

The walk round his authentically detailed home is accompanied by entertaining chat by Severs and cleverly hidden cassette recordings. Entirely believable comments about the illusory family, their lifestyle and relationships are interspersed with intentionally incorrect historical detail and endless trivia.

Severs's technique is to put his visitors into an atmosphere and bombard them with things that filled the hearts and minds of the Jervises. "so in the end you haven't just had a glimpse of the past, you have *been* there".

We stand in the kitchen in front of an open fire, a chicken turning on the spit; and it does not seem self-conscious because that is how Severs cooks every day. While he enthuses about the quirky life beneath the stairs, regaling us with stories of the cheeky maid Rebecca, one begins to feel as if his 18th-century servants have just left the room. The house retains its original atmosphere not just because of the material objects, but because of the magical environment he creates and its authentic temperatures and smells.

We go upstairs to the dining room, hushed and in mock excitement, like children looking for fairies they only half believe in. It is like walking on to a stage set for 1724: the pomegranate and half-empty wine glasses scattered on the table, and Mr Jervis's wig left behind on a chair.

From there we move forward to 1760 and the smoking room where Mr Jervis holds his assemblies and organizes his business. He burns market pallets in the fire, and dust fills the room. We follow into the drawing room, where on dark evenings they listen to stories, just as we are doing. The smell of orange oil hangs in the air, mingling with the lavender flowers that are swept to the edge of the room. Then Mrs Jervis's fan falls off the chair to the floor, and we hear her riotous party leaving downstairs.

Next is the bedroom, an intimate room containing Mrs Jervis's messy make-up and sentimental knick-knacks. Here the carpet is cleaned every day with damp tea leaves, to restore the colour and pile. Just as everything in the house is faithfully dusted with rags steamed in cedar oil.

In the dressing room, the fire is burning and tea is steaming in cups on the table.

Upstairs the Dickensian attic represents 1835 and the Industrial Society. An entire family called the Laceaux live there. (William Jervis got Mrs Laceaux pregnant, so it was his Christian duty to bring the family into the house, one understands.) The room shocks, for it is stark, with peeling paint and dripping water. It is freezing and one of our company complains. "They lived through it and so will you," retorts Severs curtly.

It is pleasurable then to move on to the second drawing room — and 1840. The room is the antithesis of those upstairs and represents the cosy bourgeois reaction to them with its gas lamps, well-dressed furniture, swathes of material and acres of ornaments.

The trip is not for those without imagination and a sense of irony. "Pernickity intellectuals who come always end up looking like charwomen wearing tiaras," explains Severs.

Dennis Severs, 18 Folgate Street, Spitalfields, London E1 (01-247 4013), by appointment only. Eight people at a time, three evenings a week at 7.30pm, £20 a head.

From the Nursery Established 1983 Mail Order despatch or call now! Phone enquiries invited 023 374 256. Situated on the A252 Open 7 days a week Access and Barclaycard Accepted.

GROW A MAGNIFICENT HEDGE 9ft High in less than 2 YEARS!

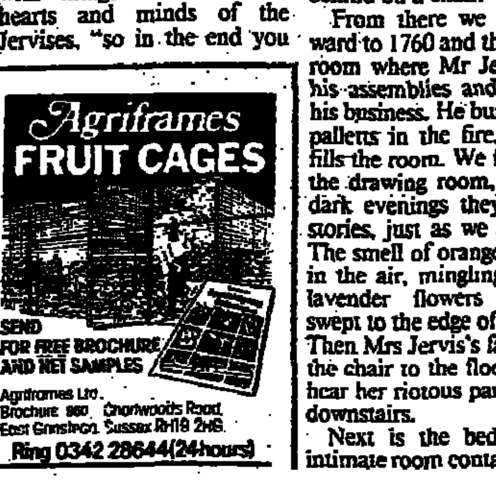
Nothing grows faster or makes a better, permanent, no maintenance screen/windbreak that becomes an impenetrable barrier, than 'Emerald Megalifica'. We offer pot grown plants of this hardy sugar cane (x Miscanthus, of our own production, sent to any U.K. address carriage paid or collect now. Cultural Advice and Guarantee accompanies all orders. Plant 2ft apart. 5-£7.88; 10-£12.88; 25-£19.88; 50-£44.88; 100-£88.88 No extras.

VICTORIAN OLD FASHIONED SCENTED POLYTHANUS

Organically grown in peat pots, lovely range of warm rich colours - perennial in habit - for sun or part shade. 10-£3.95; 20-£6.90; 50-£15.30; 100-£29.88 carr. paid.

Remit just 50p for a copy of THE FLORICULTURIST, much more than just a catalogue - including some of the finest FUCHSIAS to be found in the U.K. EXTRA LARGE Screening CONIFERS up to 10ft High, at Spring Sale Prices, Now Available!

KENT COUNTRY NURSERIES
Challock 23EM12, Nr. Ashford, Kent TN25 4DG
A div of Goodoak Ltd.



Agriframes
FRUIT CAGES
SEND FOR FREE BROCHURE AND NET SAMPLES
Agriframes Ltd.
Brochure 980, Charlwoods Road,
East Grinstead, Sussex RH19 2HG.
Ring 0342 28644(24hours)

Heavy horses steal the show

OUTINGS

SHIRE HORSE SHOW: Studbook registrations and entries are the highest since the 1950s with 836 shire horses now registered with the society and 287 horses entered in the show. Judging throughout the day — four horse teams, turnouts, mares, pairs, geldings in hand, stallions and singles. Day long farriers' heavy horse shoeing competition. Grand Parade at 3.45pm. 40 trade stands, full catering facilities and a licensed bar.
East of England Show Ground, Peterborough (0733-234451). Today, 8.30am-5pm. Adult £4, child £2 (£2 and £1 after 2pm).

WINTER'S END: Celebration at the Spring Equinox to mark the official end of winter with numerous entertainments — fire eaters, jugglers, children's games, face painting, music and dance. Fire "sculpture" at 5pm. Fireworks finale at 7.00pm.
South Bank, London SE1. Today 2.30pm-7pm. Free.

MODELWORLD 87: Railway layouts in different gauges, car racing, steam train rides, trade stands, enthusiasts and experts. Refreshments.
Brighton Centre, Brighton, East Sussex (0273-202881). Today 10am-7pm. Tomorrow 10am-6pm. Adult £1.80, child 90p. Family ticket 2+2 £4.50.

ANTIQUE & COLLECTORS FAIR: Cross section of antiques and collectibles of varying prices and sizes.
RHS Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, London SE1. Tomorrow 11am-5pm. Admission 50p.

PIED PIPER STORIES WITH MUSIC: National Theatre member Caroline Webster tells stories by Terry Jones and Hans Christian Andersen plus another in which children may participate. Music and songs by Terry Trower with trombone, percussion and piano. Plenty of songs with which to sing along.
Purcell Room, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Tomorrow 3. Tickets £2.50.

RICKMANSWORTH CRAFT FAIR: 56 stalls selling wide range of craft items from glass engraving, blowing, wood turning, pottery and jewellery to pyrographic work, puppets, window craft and marquetry. Refreshments and licensed bar.
Watersmeet Centre, Rickmansworth, Herts. Today 10am-5pm. Adult 40p, child 20p.

HARROGATE CRAFT FAIR: Displays, demonstrations and many stalls selling a wide variety of hand crafted items.
The Crown, Crown Place, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Tomorrow 10am-4.30pm. Adult 50p, child 30p.

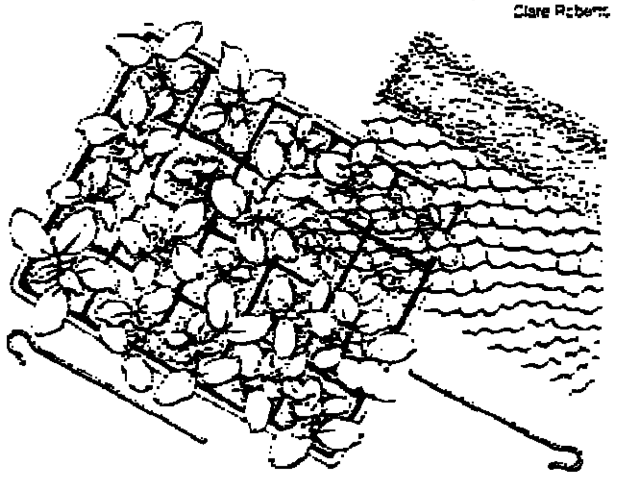
WESLEY ARTS FESTIVAL — THE AMERICANS: An American song anthology which features 250 years of music by composers including Ives, Copeland, Carr, Bernstein and Sondheim — all played and sung by the English Echoes.
Hinde Street Church, London W1. Festival office (01-935-6179). Tickets £3-£4.50.

KILLERTON HORSE TRIALS: BHS affiliated trials. Dressage, show jumping and cross country events in extensive parkland with beautiful views.
Killerton, New Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon (0392-881345). Tomorrow, 9-5pm. Admission to follow

Judy Froshaug

IN THE GARDEN

Clare Roberts



Safety in trays: broad bean seedlings out of harm's way

Growing to hate cats?

Francesca Greenoak on ways to enjoy both your pets and your garden

Wherever you live, gardens attract cats. At this season, with gardeners beginning to sow and put in young plants, feline attentions are particularly unwelcome. A cat-owner myself, I still rage at the sight of broken plants and irreparably scraped and soiled seedbeds. It would break my heart to calculate how many plants I have lost this way, but at least I find a compensatory pleasure in the grace and beauty of the animals.

I suggest that cat problems are best met by strategy and not by all-out battle. However it may seem at the time, the animals do not harm plants intentionally. It is the soft, bare soil they like, so a good principle is to keep your beds well-filled and sow directly into the ground as little as possible. After sowing, I spread a lightweight green net over the bed. Netlon does a springy net which is hardly noticeable at a distance and is easily pegged down.

A better idea still is to raise plants in a greenhouse, so you can plant out the healthy sizeable plants which will quickly grow up and out of danger. With new developments in stacking seedtrays, and compact planting-out pots in trays, you can raise a large number of plants in a small space. Plantpak does a good range of propagating and potting kits designed for the domestic gardener.

Putting a little compost into the hole, before transplanting, helps young plants to establish themselves, and cloches — though rather unsightly — provide protection from both cats and drying winds.

Container plants are a godsend for people suffering cat-persecution but it is wise to give initial protection, even to good-sized plants. In my experience the cat repellents don't always work. The morning after I'd sprinkled nearly a whole bottle of oily anti-cat liquid on the key points of entry, I counted six alien felines in my garden in the space of an hour.

A temporary physical barrier is the best answer. But there again, a garden with bits of staked chicken wire all over it quickly begins to look scrappy. I've ended up using small-gauge green mesh which I bend into protective towers or U-shapes, fastening where necessary with wire, while for larger plants Agriframes (Charlwoods Road, East Grinstead, Sussex RH19 2HG) make a hoop and net Mini-cage. These are effective, discreet, and reusable.

Cats will jump fences and hedges, but they would rather slide through a gap. So closing up all the easy access routes will discourage them. If you are a cat-lover, it is — despite purring and head-rubbing appeals — important to make it clear that neighbourhood cats are not welcome callers. When you catch them in your garden, throw them out.

The trick, according to a London acquaintance of mine, is to build a low wall and fix 2m-high chain-link fencing to it, stabilized at intervals with angle iron. The garden looks like a prison camp for a while, but if you plant ivies and climbers it will soon green up handsomely. You thus achieve an impenetrable barrier *without width*, which means cats cannot leap on to the top and down into the garden. In a small garden a hedge without width is an advantage anyway.

There will always be losses; it is a matter of trying to contain them so that you can enjoy both your cats and your plants.

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Cut back old shoots of outdoor fuchsia to new shoots near the base.**
- **Sow Hispi variety cabbage for early harvest.**
- **Hard-prune buddleia and hydrangeas to just above the lowest pair of buds on the previous season's growth.**
- **If weather is reasonably mild, plant summer-flowering bulbs/corms such as kaffir lily (Schizostylis coccinea), gladioli and Montbretia crocosmia.**
- **Cut back the coloured stems of dogwoods grown for their twig colour — Cornus alba and Cornus stolonifera — to within a few centimetres inches of the ground for best effects next year.**
- **Begin to water cacti and succulents as growth starts.**

THE BUDGET MAKES A GOOD DEAL BETTER

Lower taxation and the prediction of reduced interest rates, strongly encourages an investment to improve your property. And that investment need not be as large as you think because leading greenhouse and conservatory specialists, Silver Mist, are still offering selected buildings from their comprehensive range at **last year's sale prices.**

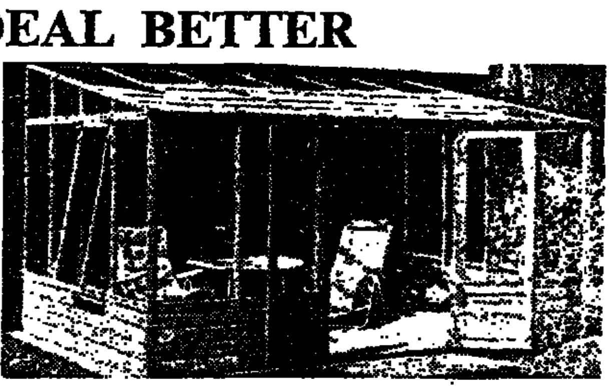
An already strong demand for the company's products is expected to increase dramatically as a result of the budget. These special prices can only be held while existing timber stocks last and it is essential to act now to avoid disappointment.

Surely you won't have a better financial opportunity... **to improve your home.**

Silver Mist Nova and Chatsworth buildings are widely acclaimed to be the most affordable solid timber conservatories on the UK market today. An inexpensive way to increase living space and enjoy the sun all year round. Alternatively you can use them as practical and attractive lean-to greenhouses. Available direct from the factory in both traditional reactangular and classic geometric designs in a range of sizes starting from as little as £299.00 they are designed and constructed to provide years of lasting pleasure.

... or enhance your garden.

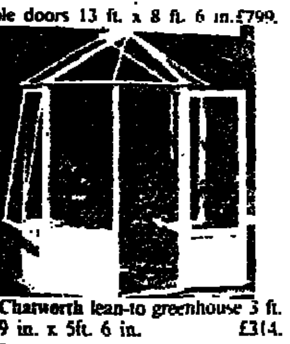
For over forty years variations of the company's best selling Galaxy and Zodiac models have been firm favourites among gardeners who insist on the superior appearance and warm growing conditions that only traditional timber greenhouse provides. Choose from a range of models, from only £229.00.



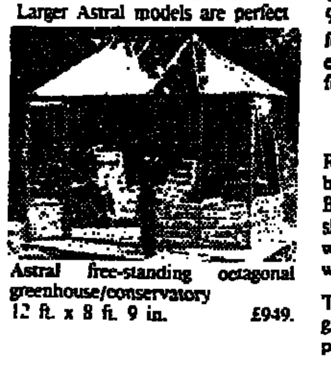
Nova conservatory with centre double doors 13 ft. x 8 ft. 6 in. £799.

Increasingly popular are greenhouses of classic octagonal styling and here too Silver Mist has the edge if you are looking for real value for money.

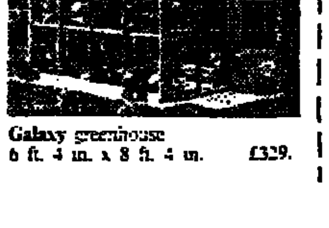
The smaller Astral models are ideal for enhancing those otherwise featureless odd corners. Larger Astral models are perfect for the ambitious greenhouse enthusiast and are equally suitable for use as a conservatory.



Chatsworth lean-to greenhouse 3 ft. 9 in. x 5ft. 6 in. £314.



Astral free-standing octagonal greenhouse/conservatory 12 ft. x 8 ft. 9 in. £949.



Galaxy greenhouse 6 ft. 4 in. x 8 ft. 4 in. £329.

Take advantage of the Budget and act NOW!

Readers wishing to beat the post budget demand for Silver Mist Buildings at last year's sale prices should complete the coupon below without delay, irrespective of when they require their building.

The company's brochure pack gives details of a variety of easy payment and delivery schemes.

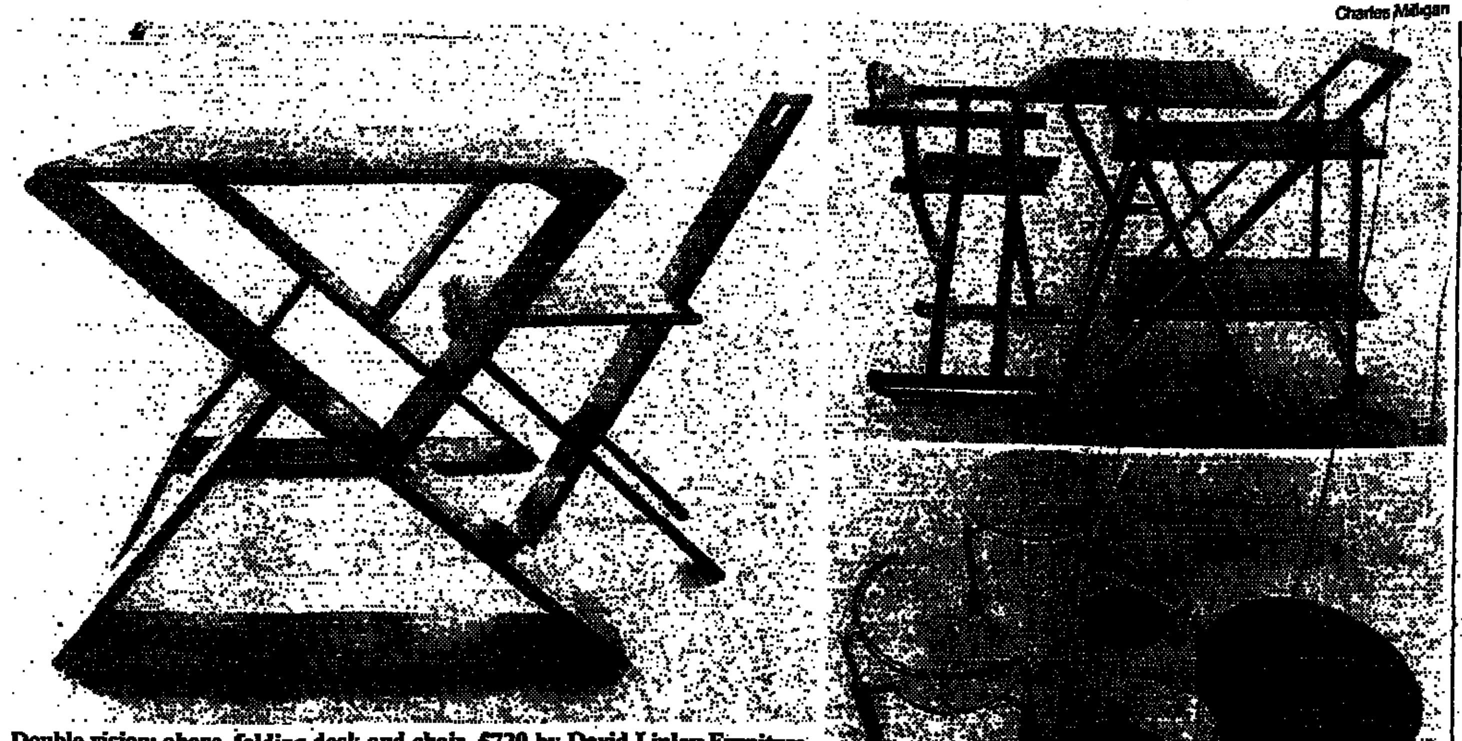
TO: Silver Mist, Dept D303, FREEPOST, Horsham, W. Sussex, RH12 1ZB. Tel: Horsham (0403) 50343
Please send me full details of Silver Mist products currently available at special sale prices. I am interested in:
Rectangular free-standing greenhouses ☐ Lean-to's & conservatories (both rectangular & geometric) ☐ Octagonal free-standing greenhouses ☐
Name
Adress

مأخوذ من الأصل

SHOPPING

Furniture with dual personality

There is a new demand for furniture which folds, stacks, hangs or converts for our shrinking homes. Nicole Swengley reports



Charles Milligan

Double vision: above, folding desk and chair, £720 by David Linley Furniture. Top right (clockwise from left): Mezzo seat/table, from £105; Subeybaya table in maple, £249; Jeeves table, approx £99; Telesco glass-topped table, £489. Right (left to right): David Colwell's folding chair, £185; Scrittoio writing table, £109; trolley from Equinox, £155.

Smaller homes and faster lifestyles are together creating fresh demands for non-upholstered convertible furniture.

Flux Design, set up by ex-Royal College of Art students Paul Chamberlain and Peter Christian, offers a clever system of interchangeable seating and storage. The Mezzo seat swings neatly below the attached side-table, creating among other possibilities an ideal telephone seat. It costs from £105 in various finishes. For stockists, contact Flux Design, Studio 21, 15-17 Ingate Place, London SW8 (01-627 5724).

Another youthful British company, Princes Design Works, makes the Jeeves table of medium-density fibreboard with a tough melamine lacquered finish. This occasional table incorporates a traditional gate-leg folding mechanism and is available in black, white or grey finishes; it costs approximately £99. For stockists, contact Princes Design Works, 65-75 Cobourg Road, London SE5 (01-708 0502).

Deciding how to position Bonomi Designs' Metrix tables is a bit like completing a jigsaw puzzle. These solid ash low tables are shaped like triangles (£80), squares (£105) and rectangles (£105). They are Design Centre selected, available in a natural or lacquered finish and can be seen, along with other Bonomi concepts, at 1 Rosemont Road, London NW3 (01-435 6053).

Maison Designs stocks Disform's versatile Subeybaya table, £249, at its Fulham Road showroom (01-736 6053). It adjusts to seven different heights from 39cm to 72cm, has a diameter of one metre and comes in either black ash or a maple finish. Equally adaptable is the Telesco glass-topped table, £489 from Ligne Roset, which converts from a dining table to a coffee table by means of a gas-operated pump. Ligne Roset is at 130 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-434 2071).

The challenge which sparked off David Linley's folding desk and matching chair was a 4ft by 8ft piece of plywood from which both are made. The desk is substantial enough to cope with most demands yet packs away swiftly, like the chair, when space is at a premium. Together they cost £720 from David Linley Furniture, 1 New King's Road, London SW6 (01-736 6886).

Just as practical is the Italian-made Scrittoio folding writing table, £109, with a natural ash frame and white or black melamine top, from Peter Jones's First Furniture department at Sloane Square, London SW1.

Club and Cumano are occasional tables which can be whisked off the wall at the footfall of an unexpected guest. Club has a steel tubular frame with an ABS plastic top and costs £71. For stockists contact Pira, 10 Hoxton Square, London N1 (01-739 7865). Cumano is all-metal with a hole in the table-top for nifty hanging. It comes in a choice of burgundy, black, anthracite, green, white, yellow, light blue and pink and costs £92 from Co-existence, 17 Canonbury Lane, London N1 (01-226 8382).

Folding favourites at Equinox include the wall-hanging Step stool, £42, which has three steps in non-slip ABS plastic and a steel frame lacquered in a choice of black, red, white or yellow. The shop also stocks a stylish folding trolley, £155, in black ash with black textured melamine shelves or in natural ash with white shelves. Equinox is at 64 New Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 2345). Another folding trolley — the Baron — has a hi-tech look in black metal mesh and costs £119 from Coloroll, 156 Regent Street, London W1 (01-434 0784).

The Dilemma is the last word in convertibility and switches swiftly and simply from a six-hook coatstand to a five-rung step-ladder. It's sturdily made in aluminium and costs £333.50 from Aram Designs, 3 Kean Street, London WC2 (01-240 3933). Dilemma is stocked by Oscar Woollens at 421 Finchley Road, London NW3 (01-435 0101), too, and they also have David Colwell's Design Centre-selected folding chair, £185 to order. Proving that fold-up seating needn't feel as uncomfortable as deck-chairs, the chair is beautifully made in grained ash with an English cowhide seat laced to the frame. For other stockists, contact David Colwell at Trannon Workshop, Llawr-y-Glyn, Caersws, Powys.

Snap up an original

The Special Photographers Company has recently opened a new gallery at 21 Kensington Park Road, London W11 which is dedicated to showing and selling fine photography. Unlike The Photographers Gallery, whose exhibitions are subsidized by the Arts Council, this gallery is run along commercial lines. The hand-printed, hand-framed photographs on sale are either originals or available in very limited editions and subjects include landscape, fashion, reportage, abstract, pop art, wildlife, sport, portraiture and celebrity prints. The gallery's very broad collection ranges from students to top advertising photographers and includes work by Terry O'Neill, Cornel Lucas and Simon Marsden. Prices start from around £75 for signed, hand-framed photographs to over £400 for specially toned, one-off prints. The gallery is open from 10am to 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

- **Time-saving kitchen gadgets are always welcome kitchen additions and it's often the inexpensive, less-obvious ones which prove most useful. Lifting spaghetti from a pan is a slithery chore made easier with a deep-pronged, nylon spoon. Heritage Housewares make one with drainage holes so it's also handy for removing eggs from boiling water. It costs around £1 from Sainsbury and Argos.**
- *Well-designed kitchen tools have long been Cole & Mason's speciality and among their latest mills are a clear acrylic nutmeg grinder (with whole nutmeg), £3.95, and six herb mills, £2.95 each, containing various herbs for pizza toppings, casseroles and barbecued meat.*

N.S.

THE TIMES COOK

Culinary country

Diana Leadbetter

The winter is still with us which means that I'm still serving warm, comforting dishes with sticky rich sauces — but not, until last week, at dinner parties. A recent trip to Germany where we tasted delicious rustic dishes very stylishly executed persuaded me not to be shy to serve oxtail stew for dinner. Cooked slowly in red wine, all traces of fat removed and served with small vegetables, it was well received. The only difference to my usual method of serving was that I removed the meat from the bone.

For fish, you cannot do better than brill at the moment. Large, plump fish for less than the price of cod and haddock sometimes. Cooked gently and for a short time, it retains its firm texture and good flavour.

These dishes together make up a comparatively inexpensive dinner party for you to top and tail as you choose.

Fillets of brill with courgettes and tomatoes

Serves 4

- 4 sheets grease-proof paper 38x25cm (15inx10in)
- 4 fillets from a good-sized brill (about 800g/1¾lb)
- 25g (1oz) butter
- 2 firm ripe tomatoes
- 3 small to medium courgettes
- salt, pepper
- 2 tablespoons white wine or good fish stock
- 1 tablespoon chopped spring onions, chives or parsley

Fold each sheet of paper in half and cut it into a heart shape with the fold down the middle. Skin the brill fillets and trim them into a neat shape. Lightly butter the grease-proof paper. Peel, deseed and chop the tomatoes into dice. Peel the courgettes and then shave thin strips from them with a potato peeler. Blanch these in boiling water for 30 seconds, then drain and refresh under cold water. Spoon a quarter of the tomato dice on to one of the paper hearts. Lightly season a fish fillet and fold it over the tomato. Pile some of the courgette strips on top of the fish and sprinkle with a little white wine or stock and the onion and herbs. Seal the paper parcel by folding the edges tightly together and twisting the two ends. Make up the other three parcels in the same way. Lay them on a baking sheet and bake in a preheated oven, mark 4/180°C/350°F for eight or nine minutes. Serve immediately on heated dinner plates and pass round small knives or scissors so that parcels can be individually opened.

Oxtail stew

Serves 4

- 1kg/2¼lb oxtail in pieces
- 1 medium onion or 6 shallots
- 4 cloves garlic
- ½ bottle good red wine
- 1 teaspoon dill seed
- ½ teaspoon chestnut flour or potato flour (optional)
- 1 teaspoon cherry, blueberry or bilberry jam
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon kirsch, slivowitz or malt whisky

Trim as much fat as possible from the oxtail and fry it in a well seasoned or non-stick pan until browned all over. Peel and slice the onions or shallots and fry these too until just beginning to brown. Peel and crush the garlic and add it with the wine and dill seed to the oxtail and onions. Bring gently to the boil, cover and barely simmer for two hours. Remove the oxtail from the sauce. Cool it rapidly, cover it and refrigerate it overnight. Do the same with the sauce, sieving it first. Next day separate the meat from the bone and scrape the fat from the sauce. Boil up the sauce and reduce by a third. Place the meat and sauce in a heavy saucepan and heat slowly for a thicker sauce. Mix the flour with a little water and stir into the stew. When it has thickened slightly, add the jam, then season to taste. Five minutes before serving, pour in the spirit. The alcohol will have evaporated by the time you serve the dish. Tiny new potatoes such as you can now get in Marks and Spencer go well with this, together with miniature broccoli florets and slices of carrot scattered over the meat.

Frances Bissell

Bold adventure or rare experience?

From the high sierras and lush valleys, 'Nescafé'* now brings you the pure taste of Latin America.

'Nescafé' 'Alta Rica'*, distinctly latin. A rich, high-roasted coffee with a full-bodied flavour. A bold adventure in taste.

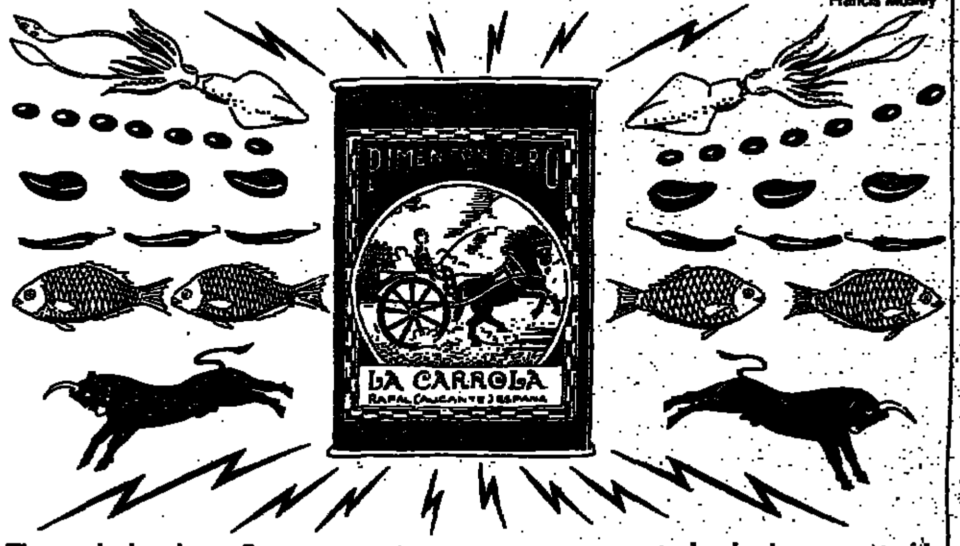
'Nescafé' 'Cap Colombie'* pure Colombian coffee. Subtle, delicate and aromatic, with a medium-roast richness. A rare experience in taste.

Two new coffees, exclusively made from 100% arabica beans.

Now at fine food stores. Discover them.

New worlds of pure taste from 'Nescafé'.

EATING OUT



Francis Mosley

Cooks' tour of Spain, sort of

Jonathan Meades finds there is a bit more to Spanish cooking than tapas

The standard angles on Spanish cooking are (a) that it doesn't travel well and (b) that, in any case, it's only tapas — pre-prandial hors-d'oeuvres served in snack portions — that are worth bothering with. Harrods's current Spanish "guest" restaurant, an *ad hoc* affair if ever there was one, serves as an ample refutation of these ideas received in ignorance and propagated with prejudice. Bar Escoba, London's most recently opened Spanish place, is, contrarily, proof of their rectitude.

There is, of course, no such thing as *Spanish* cooking: the idea of a pan-Hispanic kitchen is nonsense. To make a facile analogy: the separatist urges of its regions are mirrored in their culinary repertoires. Save that they share a national talent for deep frying there is nothing kindred in the kitchens of, say, Andalucia and Asturias. The Madrid Ritz, whose chef is an outsider — a Frenchman — evidently recognizes this diversity: to judge by its Jardin del Ritz on the fourth floor of Harrods, it must be a sort of sampler for all Spain's cooking.

From Asturias, I believe, is an unpromising sounding but delicious dish of clams cooked with white beans which absorb the flavour of the fish as the beans in a cassoulet absorb those of goose and pork. The Madrileno version of tripe, prepared with chorizo, morcilla (a very spicy black pudding) and pimenton is represented by a version that is certainly less crude than those commonly found in Madrid — this, no doubt, is due to a French willingness to be guided by gastronomic sense rather than by duty to a folk recipe.

Suckling pig here is, though, as disappointing as in the beguiling city of Segovia whose speciality it is. I guess that even the most ingenious French hand is unable to ameliorate a meat which is bound to be allowed to overcook in order to achieve crackling. There is a tremendous squid-in-its-ink confection which recalls the tar-black stews of north-west Italy, Livorno and Genoa, rather than the usually rank gear of the Cantabrian coast of Spain.

But the tapas are nothing special: a suspiciously Baltic herring in glutinous though quintessentially Iberian tomato sauce; a potato salad; bits of octopus murdered in its infancy.

The place itself is dismally tacky, like a plastic-ivy embraided arbour at a trade fair. A character actor from Madrid's resting hordes stands between the lift entrance and the tables pouring *copitas* of fino with tauromachean nonchalance; the service is self-service save at the sweet course, which is badly handled and worth missing. Still, it's there at lunchtime till the end of the month and you can eat all you want for £12.95. With a bottle of Cava and two coffees (nasty) the bill for two with VAT and "service" was £48.

Bar Escoba used to be a pub called The Denmark and was an affront to that country. Part of its look now is ascribable to the best known, if the not the best, of the non-functionalist, anti-good-taste designers, Tom Dixon, and part to someone who has painted the restaurant section of this bar in eau-de-Nil with piscine murals and stuck it with scallop shells, 1920s Spanish graphics and posters for such Spanish movies as *Cantanda Bajo La Lluvia* with Gene Kelly and Donald O'Connor.

As I say, the place bears out the dicta that Spanish food doesn't travel and that only tapas are to be eaten. Tortilla is impeccable and authentic save that it is sprinkled with paprika. If it was to be sprinkled with anything in Spain it would be with pimenton, which is *not* paprika (which is Hungarian, Viennese, etc). Pimenton — powdered red pepper cut with varying amounts of chilli (picante) — is the predominant spice of northern and central Spain. Even the less frequently encountered sweet pimenton does not taste like paprika, though it is a kindred spice — in both its states it has a smokiness which is completely alien to paprika. The omission of pimenton is an understandable fault given that the restaurant is run by an Hispanophile who — to judge by his effusive menu prose — is more concerned with the "feeling" of the "new" Spain than with culinary accuracy. Thus a portrait of Franco is wittily hung upside down and pinchos (kebabs) are sauced with cream and horse-radish. Which is not to say that they're poor — they aren't — only that they're a product of compromise cooking, like recipes for pasta with Cheddar cheese. What is advertized as chorizo is perfectly all right but it's not chorizo, more like some sort of Polish sausage. And so it goes on, this litany of the ersatz.

Of the main courses a swordfish steak, char-grilled, was the better. A dryish chicken coated in something like bottled barbecue sauce was not impressive, nor were the chips which the waitress, who looked like Madonna (the pop singer, not the Virgin), insisted on calling "fries". This does not make them taste any nicer.

The sweets include an ordinary crème caramel and a rather unusual pudding of bread and raisins soaked in — perhaps — moscatel and spiked with cinnamon and ginger. With four beers — the Mexican Dos Esquis is decent stuff and so is San Miguel, but avoid the feeble brew called Sol — we paid £42, including tip.

Jardin del Ritz, fourth floor, Harrods, Knightsbridge SW1 (01-730 1234), noon-2.30pm Mon to Sat until the end of March.
Bar Escoba, 102 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-373 2403) 9am-11pm every day.

Jersey Good Food Festival

During the week of 11-16 May, Jersey's restaurateurs and wine merchants will be offering a series of events that will tempt the eye and delight the palate. From special gourmet menus to simple wine tastings, demonstrations of flambe cooking to pub tours, Jersey's Good Food Festival is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the island's reputation as a good food island.

Write for information Jersey Tourism, 35 Albermarle St., London W1X 3FB.

Name
Address
Postcode

DRINK

Italy's royal pretender

Looking back I can see that my hesitation in describing any Italian wine as great has got much to do with the perverse nature of the Nebbiolo grape. Generations of Italians and Italophiles have not, it seems, ever doubted Nebbiolo's greatness, dutifully dubbing its most important wine — Barolo — the "King of wine and wine of Kings". Modern Italian wine buffs like Nicholas Balfrage and Burton Anderson appear equally enamoured.

The great Nebbiolo debate revolves around the extraordinary flavours that this variety produces. At their best Nebbiolo wines have an intense purple-black colour maturing, with age, into a rich garnet red plus a fine heavily-scented bouquet reminiscent of violets, and sometimes roses, plus a big hefty power-packed palate often blessed with overtones of plums, truffles, tar or beef tea. At their worst I find Nebbiolo wines to be coarse, clumsy creatures, complete with stringy, tough, earthy palates, suffering from an excess of tannin and acidity that leaves a harsh astringent bitter feel in the mouth.

Due to the naturally high acidity of the Nebbiolo grape and the traditional Italian habit of leaving their wines for years in old, and sometimes not well-tended, casks, Nebbiolo wines often boast a worrying vinegary scent and prickle of acidity that, to many tutored palates including my own, appear suspiciously close to that unloved wine fault, a volatile acidity. Worse still is that perplexing aged Nebbiolo habit of taking on a savoury note that is fine when it manifests itself as beef tea, curious when oniony and somewhat offputting when garlicky.

Piedmont, in north west Italy, is the Nebbiolo grape's stronghold, with Barbaresco to the north of Alba and Barolo to the south representing the Barolo grape at its greatest heights.

One of the very best Barolos I have come across recently is the wonderful '82 Barolo Monprivato from Giuseppe Mascarello, whose superb Dolcetto I wrote about last week. This rich, elegant rose-scented Barolo has lashings of fruit cushioning that sinewy, tannic Nebbiolo backbone, plus a gentle hint of garlic in the mix too. Pricey at £9.95 from Winecellars, 153-155 Wandsworth High Street, London SW18, The Market £10.95, but worth it. Also stocked by Winecellars is Cordero di Montezemolo's fine '81 Barolo Monfalletto with its savoury beefy nose and velvety cedary-oaky palate, albeit with a typically astringent Nebbiolo finish. (Winecellars £9.75).

ROLL ♫ OUT THE ♫ BAROLO!

Eric Beaumont

Adnams, The Crown, High Street, Southwold, Suffolk have a useful Piedmont offer that closes on 31 March. One of the most enjoyable is Valentino Migliorini of Rocche dei Manzoni's '82 Bricco Manzoni (£8.17), made from both the Nebbiolo and Barbera grape, whose damson nose and spritzy damson-like taste had a touch of Angostura Bitters about them too. True Barolo lovers will also like the '79 Barolo Riserva (£9.14) from the same house with its hefty, earthy bitter chocolate-like taste, although I am not certain I did. For me the Nebbiolo grape continues to be good, but not great.

Jane MacQuitty

No more worries about feeding your cat with
NEW! CAT MATE AUTOMATIC CAT FEEDER

SUITABLE FOR 1 OR 2 CATS AND SMALL DOGS

REMOVABLE ICE PACK KEEPS FOOD COOL IN SUMMER.

COMPLETE WITH 12 MONTH BATTERY

Serves 1 or 2 meals at your cat's normal feeding times while you are away from home for a night or weekend.

A removeable ice pack keeps food cool and fresh whilst a battery operated timer allows the lids to open at the time set by you with up to 24 hours delay. Both lids can open at different times or if required at the same time for use by 2 cats or for serving food and water. CAT MATE is ideal for kittens and even for small dogs. Manufactured in tough hygienic polypropylene coloured golden beige and white. CAT MATE is fitted with removeable bowls and lids for easy cleaning. Each bowl holds half a large (405g) can of food. Overall measurements are only 10" x 7" x 3" high. Money refunded if not completely satisfied. 24 hours despatch

ONLY £19.95 inc p&p battery and ice pack
12 MONTHS GUARANTEE

PET MATE LTD (Dept T 12) CRANE HOUSE, 32 GOULD ROAD, TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX TW2 6RS
Credit card holders Phone 01-[illegible] (24 hours) or 01-[illegible]

To: PET MATE LTD (Dept T 12) CRANE HOUSE, 32 GOULD ROAD, TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX TW2 6RS
Please send me CAT MATES @ £19.95 inc p&p.
I enclose cheque/PO. for £ or debit my
Access/Barclaycard no.
Signed
Mr/Mrs/Miss
Address

Reg No. [illegible] England

هكذا من الأصل

CHESS

The craft of a champion

Game four of the Speed Chess Challenge witnessed a superb display of craftmanship by the world champion, who was evidently determined to avenge his defeat of the previous round.

White: Nigel Short; Black: Gary Kasparov.

Game Four, Sicilian Defence, Docklands Trophy.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6
3 Bb5+ Bd7 4 Bxd7+ Qxd7
5 0-0 Nc6 6 c3 Nf6
7 Qe2 e6 8 d4 cxd4
9 cxd4 d5 10 e5

White gains territory with this move and also attacks the Black Knight. However, there is some long-term strategic risk involved for White in that his pawn foundation is gradually being fixed on dark squares. Since White's remaining Bishop also operates on dark squares the mobility of this piece could become severely restricted by the obstacle of White's own pawns. In other words, White is in danger of getting a so-called "bad Bishop".

10 ... Ne4 11 Be3 Be7
12 Ne1 f6 13 f3 Ng5
14 Nd3 0-0 15 Nd2 Nf7
16 f4 b6 17 Nf3 f5
18 Rac1 Rfc8

At the moment the position is approximately level and the game should be drawn. In fact, Nigel's next few moves indicate a waiting policy while Gary tries to stir up some action on the Queen's wing.

19 Rc2 Rc7 20 Rfc1 Rac8
21 Bd2 h6 22 h3 a5
23 Kh2 Kh7 24 Be3 a4

25 Bd2 a3 26 b3 Na7
27 Be1 Rxc2 28 Rxc2 [illegible]
29 Nb4 [illegible] 30 [illegible] [illegible]
31 Qxb5 Nxb5 32 Bd2 Nc3
33 Kg1 Kg6 34 Kf2?

Probably the losing move, incredible as it may seem in such a simplified situation: White has to play 34 g4! in order to bar the advance of the Black King to h5.

34 ... Kh6 35 Ke3 g5
36 Kd3 g4 37 Ng1 [illegible]

A massive blow to the very foundations of the White position. This obviously came as a terrible shock to Nigel.

38 hxg4+ Kxg4 39 [illegible] [illegible]
40 Be3

If 40 Kxd4 Bc5+ wins back the Knight on g1. With the text Short pins his hopes on attacking Black's Knight with the Bishop, thus winning the pawn on b6.

40 ... [illegible]

Another hammer-blow, after which White's position collapses in rubble. If now 41 axb3 a2 42 Bd4 Bc5! and White has no good moves left.

41 Bxb6 Nc1+ 42 Kc2 Nxa2
43 Ne2 Nb4+ 44 Kb3 a2
45 Bd4 h5 46 Bc3 Nd3
47 g3 Kf3 48 Nd4+ Kxg3
49 [illegible] [illegible] 50 [illegible] [illegible]
51 Kxa2 h4 52 Be1+ Kg4
53 e6 h3 54 Bf2 Be7
55 Bg1 Kg3 56 Kb3 Kg2

White resigns.

Game five of Nigel Short's challenge to the world champion can be seen tonight on Channel 4 at 6.30pm.

Raymond Keene

BRIDGE

A comedy of errors

Bridge is a game of mistakes, where the winners capitalize on their opponents' errors. Even if they are flawed diamonds, hands where declarer can only succeed after a defensive slip may still be instructive.

Rubber Bridge. Game all. Dealer South.

♠ Q
♡ Q J 9 7
♢ J 10 8 6 4
♣ Q 10 9

♠ J 3 2
♡ 3
♢ 9 7 5 2
♣ 7 5 4 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ 10 7
♡ A 10 8 6 5 4
♢ K
♣ A J 8 6

♠ A K 9 8 6 5 4
♡ K 2
♢ A Q 3
♣ K

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	2♣(1)
No	2♢	2♡	2♠
No	2NT	No	4♠
No	No	No	—

Opening lead ♡3.

(1) A grotesque bid. Even two spades would be unsound.

East won the first trick with the ♡A and, bamboozled by South's contribution of the ♡K, switched to the ♢K. Preening himself on his masterly deception, South fell into a self-created bear trap. He crossed to dummy with the ♠Q, and belatedly realized that he lacked any convenient re-entry to hand. Sheepishly he tried a diamond, which East ruffed. A heart ruff and the Ace of clubs completed his discomfiture.

When East switched to the ♢K at trick two, South played impetuously, impervious to the obvious risk. Curiously, if dummy's spade had been a small one instead of the Queen, he would undoubtedly have made his contract by simply bashing out the ♠A and the ♠K. If the spades are 3-2, there are at most three losers.

If, improbably, the spades are 4-1, South still has a counter. Suppose West has the four spades. South plays on diamonds, discarding his losing club. In the even less likely event that East has four spades, South can obtain a club discard on the hearts.

And perhaps the most amusing paradox of all is that if East had not fallen for South's false card, the contract would certainly have succeeded. If East gives his partner a heart ruff and regains the lead with the ♣A to play another heart, South will surely ruff high, cross to the ♠Q, and re-enter his hand with a club ruff, scoring his game when the remaining spades divide benignly.

Funny game, bridge.

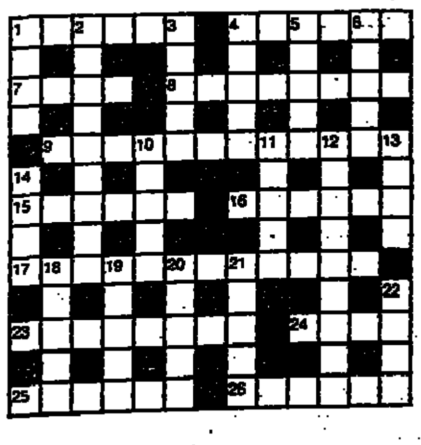
Jeremy Flint

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1212

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, March 26. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, March 28.

ACROSS
1 Adopt battle formation (6)
4 Potassium carbonate (6)
7 Be aware (4)
8 Declare (8)
9 Highest Sierra Nevada peak (5,7)
15 Scots landowners (6)
16 Eskimo jacket (6)
17 Lab gas apparatus (6,6)
23 Sword sheath (8)
24 Saint's disc (4)
25 Lower part (6)
26 Conundrum (6)

DOWN
1 Ditch (4)
2 Rank advancement (9)
3 Dough raising agent (5)
4 Thump (5)
5 Tantalize (5)
6 Bolivian (5)
10 Jog with elbow (5)
11 Further inside (5)
12 Child's servant (9)
13 Tibetan cattle (4)
14 Blotch (4)
18 Open sore (5)
19 Heraldic black (5)
20 Below (5)
21 Cow mammary (5)
22 Love to excess (4)



SOLUTION TO NO 1211

ACROSS: 1 Maniac 4 Fracas 7 Digs 8 Cornwall 9 Citadel 11 Child 12 Menachem Begin 15 Cymry 16 Finland 20 Bona Fide 21 Maxi 22 Relent 23 Lapdog

DOWN: 1 Modicum 2 Night 3 Cache 4 Fern 5 Craving 6 Salad 10 Decay 11 Cabin 13 Nominal 14 Nodding 15 Caber 17 Ideal 18 Award 19 Wilt

The winners of prize concise No 1206 are: David G.P. Chatfield, Cyncoed Close, Dunvant, Swansea, and Miss Anne George, The Clock House, Weybridge Park, Weybridge, Surrey.

SOLUTION TO NO 1206 (last Saturday's prize Concise)

ACROSS: 1 Warped 4 Snobby 7 Sack 8 Nepotism 9 Astronautics 15 Accrue 16 Guffaw 17 Rosh Hashanah 23 Effusive 24 Dish 25 Gluten 26 Agency

DOWN: 1 Wisp 2 Rucksacks 3 Dingo 4 Sepia 5 Octet 6 Basic 10 Rough 11 Uvula 12 Inflation 13 Sows 14 Lair 18 Offal 19 Haunt 20 Alien 21 Hyena 22 Whey

Name ....

Address ....

....

REVIEW

Plucked into obscurity

PAPERBACKS

The Oxford Book of Aphorisms chosen by John Gross; The Oxford Book of Dreams chosen by Stephen Brook; The Oxford Book of Death chosen and edited by D.J. Enright; The Oxford Book of Literary Anecdotes edited by James Sutherland (Oxford, each £4.95)

Vasily Rozanov, perhaps the subtlest of all Russian writers, once counted 20 overshoes in the hall of his flat, concluding with pride that he was able to feed 10 mouths, "including servants", by his thoughts alone. Rozanov, who is quoted twice in *The Oxford Book of Aphorisms* — compared with 17 times for Anatole France and 10 for Sigmund Freud — abhorred the very notion of "literature" and never wrote anything but "thoughts". To suppose that the western reader, considerably less aware of this writer's achievement in 1987 than he was in 1929, when 750 copies of *Fallen Leaves* were published by James Stephens at The Mandrake Press, may notice and understand two of Rozanov's thoughts served up as "aphorisms" is sheer folly. In the pages of *The Oxford Book of Aphorisms*, the obscure are doomed to obscurity.

Freud, on the other hand, is a "famous name", whose prominence in a book such as this is *ipso facto* assured. "The principal task of civilization," runs one of the good doctor's apothegms, "is to defend us against nature." Startling, is it not? One suspects that the same quotation will some day delight the readers of *The Oxford Book of Nature*, *The Oxford Book of Civilization*, and *The Oxford Book of Tasks*, among other useful compilations OUP may be contemplating. Likewise, Anatole France need not worry: even if OUP decides to bring out a frankly commercial title like *The Oxford Book of Sex*, a line or two of his, no matter how trite, will doubtless be included. For instance: "Of all sexual aberrations, chastity is the strangest."

Even if not motivated by misplaced commercial considerations, OUP's obsessive anthologizing borders on the absurd. If one likes Wordsworth, one has certainly read *The Prelude* and need not buy *The Oxford Book of Dreams* to savour "the language of the dream" which the poet learnt at Cambridge. If one dislikes Wordsworth, finding the relevant passage categorized as "Travel and the Natural World" under the rubric "Earthly Things", next to the rather enigmatic "Gladness of mind shows that you will live abroad" from *The Oneirocriticon* by Astrampsychus, c.AD 350, will probably do little to change one's mind. For whom, then, are these books?

There are, to be sure, writers so quotable that their *oeuvre* begs to be parcelled into small lots: one thinks of Wilde, La Bruyere, Karl Kraus, and five or six others (even so, why not read them, as it were, "in the original"?). But Proust? William James? George Herbert? Surely, to gouge out of the body of Dostoevsky's work an "aphorism" like "The formula 'Two and two make five' is not without its attractions" is a senseless act of editorial brutality.

D.J. Enright is a brilliant anthologist by divine vocation, as well as one of the most amusing writers around; but even he seems unable to breathe life into *The Oxford Book of Death*. Yet here, at least, the editor's introductions to each of the chapters, if not the book itself, may be well worth the cover price. Finally, there is *The Oxford Book of Literary Anecdotes*. Its premise is clear, its contents suitably highbrow; and those who feel the need to enliven their conversation during the evening commute to Tunbridge Wells would certainly do better telling stories about famous writers than intimidating their companions with all those aphorisms, dreams, and thoughts of death.

Andrei Navrozov

Hardy Amies was celebrating the 21st anniversary of his couture house and 15 years as the Queen's designer when Sally Soames photographed him in 1966. "The clothing industry needs the couture just as the motor industry needs the Rolls Royce," he remarked. "Without the expensive pilot models you would not have the cheap cars." Just one of the images from *Manpower*, a collection of portraits by Soames, to be published by Andre Deutsch on April 9 (£12.95).

BOOKS IN BRIEF

The Literary Editor's selection of books published this week:

FICTION

- **An Artist of the Floating World**, by Kazuo Ishiguro (Faber, £3.95).
Last year's Whitbread winner: delicate watercolour of Japanese artist coming to terms with the past.
- **Dr Slaughter**, by Paul Theroux (Penguin, £1.95).
American female academic in London to write thesis gets into chilly vichysoisse with the Jasmine Escort Agency.
- **Peterley Harvest**, The Private Diary of David Peterley, preface by Michael Holroyd (Penguin, £3.95).
Literary hoax? Autobiographical novel? Sentimental melancholy about young Hoorah Horace marooned between two world wars.
- **Three Corvettes**, by Nicholas Monsarrat (Pan, £2.50).
Heroism, fear, and salt death in three longish stories about wave-tossed, U-boat-stalked, long-range bombed cockle-shell humans escorting the Atlantic convoys.

NON-FICTION

- **A Backward Glance**, by Edith Wharton (Century, £5.95).
Vivid picture of the changing literary world at the turn of the century, by one of the most popular contemporary novelists.
- **Collected Poems**, by Elizabeth Jennings (Carcanet, £5.95).
Now deep in my bed I turn and the world turns on the other side. All the work that she wishes to preserve by one of our truest poets, whose work will last longer than that of flashier talents. Just won the W.H. Smith Literary award.
- **Early Socratic Dialogues**, edited with a general introduction by Trevor J. Saunders (Penguin Classics, £4.95).
Iain Lane, Donald Watt, and Robin Waterfield combine with Trevor Saunders to produce lively and engaging versions and commentaries to the foundation documents of Western philosophy, and a living portrait of Socrates.

Philip Howard

Fusion extremities

ROCK AND JAZZ RECORDS

Level 42: Running in the Family (Polydor POLH 42)
Bill Bruford's Earthworks: Earthworks (Editions EG EGED48)

***Running in the Family* will next week become the eighth album that Level 42 have put in the charts in the last seven years, a measure not only of the band's prolific output, but also of their unerring ability to balance adroitly the requirements of the dancefloor with those of the upwardly mobile pop markets; as with their previous recordings, it will become the preferred soundtrack in boutiques and restaurants across the land, and it already harbours two hit singles in "Lessons of Love" and the title track.**

But those songs, with their tremendous funk rhythm section impetus and immediately arresting melodies, shine like beacons through the gloom of an album that is otherwise a rather listless compendium of Level 42's stock-in-trade moves. Although Mark King keeps the thumb that inspired a legion of would-be slap-funk bassists to advertise themselves in the *Melody Maker* small ads, more firmly "in the pocket" than previously, there is still the frantic rhythmic construction of "Fashion Fever" which leads nowhere swiftly. "It's Over" is a dreary title for a dreary ballad that pales into insignificance when compared to a spiritual ancestor like "Leaving Me Now", and of the rest only "Two Solitudes", with its strong catchy chorus, is anything other than mundane business as usual in the high gloss world of pop-fusionist folk.

Bill Bruford has taken the fusion that used to be known as Jazz-Rock to the opposite extreme with *Earthworks*, a collaboration between the old master drummer and such young guns as the saxophonist Iain Ballamy and keyboardist Django Bates, both of Loose Tubes, together with Mick Hutton on bass.

There is nothing that could be called ordinary about this inspired collection of original instrumental compositions, ranging from the gently swirling film-noir ambiance of Ballamy's breathy tour de force, "It Needn't End In Tears", to the great wash of tuned electronic percussion that invades the latter part of "Bridge of Inhibition".

Bruford's supreme command of melody and nuance within the testing environment of such technologically advanced instrumentation is evidenced throughout, but particularly in "Up North" where he traces a beautiful tuned backing sequence in counterpoint to the delicate theme played by Bates, on tenor horn, and Ballamy.

His rogue percussive punctuations during "Emotional Shirt" lend an air of comic urgency to Hutton's already sprinting bass line, while Bates's grumbling keyboard riff is garnished by withering saxophone flurries from Ballamy.

This is a heady concoction indeed, and one which joyously breaks down all sorts of musical barriers in its path.

David Sinclair

Promethean flickers

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Beethoven: Die Geschöpfe des Prometheus. Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. DG CD 419 608-2.

Handel: Rodelinda. Sutherland/Nafé/Rayam/Buchanan/Tourangeau/Ramey/Welsh National Opera Orchestra/Bonynge. Decca 414 667-2 (Two compact discs: also available on cassettes and black discs)

The most that English audiences ever feel of the Promethean fire is a flicker or two from Beethoven's Overture. Although the sight of Terpsichore as a caricature of Ninette de Valois raised a laugh among German audiences when Sir Frederick Ashton's ballet for Beethoven's *The Creatures of Prometheus* was premiered in Bonn in 1970, the piece didn't go down too well in London. With the ballet forgotten and Beethoven's concert suite all but ignored, it's good to welcome a complete and enticing recording of a work due for major rehabilitation.

The *Geschopfe* are the creatures who have yet to be made fully human through their encounters with Apollo and Muses. Beethoven's music incarnates that transformation. The Promethean fire is stolen in a marvellously supple sequence in the bass strings; the Prometheus theme we know and love is reserved for the grand finale.

In between come a dozen or so episodes which this New York orchestra, who play without a conductor, animate with imagination and delight. For the presentation to Apollo, Beethoven accompanies a magic flute worthy of Papageno with a *frisson* of harp arpeggios; Bacchus has a debonair dance of fleet-footed brass; a basset horn roulade immediately conjures up the aura of Mozart.

The five muses — comic, serious, martial, tragic, and pastoral — are mischievously characterized. Mars has a Haydnesque toy-soldier march; tragedy a strangely disturbing oboe and horn recitative and pastoral a succession of miniatures of peasant merry-making. Anyone eager to fill the gap between Beethoven's First and Second Symphonies will love this little encyclopaedia of the man and his times.

Hilary Finch

Handel: miracle maker

The miracle of Rodelinda, as of many another Handel opera, is that in it the composer achieves the paradox of expanding upon the unexpandable, exploiting the limitations of *Opera Seria* to create characters of great complexity. Their feelings run deep, they react like real human beings, and they change, because within the apparent confines of *da capo* aria Handel finds the space to define and develop them.

Thus in a sense the central character in *Rodelinda* is neither the hero, the deposed king Bertarido, nor the heroine, Rodelinda, but Grimoaldo, the pretender, sung here by Curtis Rayam. The critical point is at the beginning of the second act when Rodelinda, calling Grimoaldo's bluff, demands that he must kill her son if she is to marry him. Thus he sees that his psychological prison is more restricting than the cell into which he later throws Bertarido. Bertarido, by virtue of his goodness, at least has a chance of escape. Grimoaldo, trapped by ambition and jealous love, has none.

Rayam's heroic yet warm tenor enables him to convey with impressive conviction Grimoaldo's receding ambitions and increasing weakness in the face of real virtue. But three female voices dominate this performance.

There is the mezzo, Alicia Nafé, as Bertarido, full of ardour, willing to sacrifice himself for the sake of Rodalinda, yet ultimately magnanimous in victory. Nafé handles the fluctuating demands of the part — here despairing, there overjoyed — supremely well. Then there is Isobel Buchanan, in pleasingly fine form as Eduige, Bertarido's sister. And above all, in the title role, there is Dame Joan Sutherland. The voice may not have the same consistent radiance of old, but her command of *coloratura* technique and her understanding of character are as remarkable as they ever were.

The casting of the other two characters is cause for minor reservation. Magnificent though his sound is, Samuel Remey's booming bass, even in the context of a romantic style performance such as this, makes the ruthless Ganboldo sound slightly oafish. And Huguette Tourangeau's Unulfo does not always match a fruity voice with an absolutely consistent assurance. But Richard Bonynge never allows the momentum of the work to flag, while the Welsh National Opera Orchestra play with abundant ardour and accuracy. And with over 70 minutes' worth of music on each disc the set is also remarkably good value.

Stephen Pettitt

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Knights of the realm?

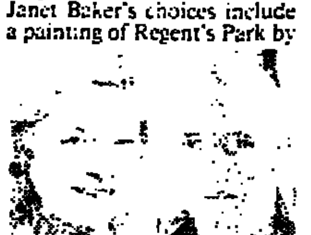
A furious row has broken out over an attempt to export two 13th-century sandstone knights which once stood at the gates to Hereford. The Government suspended an export licence last year because they were of national importance, and Hereford city council duly raised the £56,000 required to buy them. But now the Government reviewing committee is saying the figures are of minor importance, and may be exported.

The council says this is outrageous, and is threatening to go to the Ombudsman. The fate of the knights, held by a dealer acting on behalf of an American collector, rests with Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

● **Listeners to BBC Radio Wales at lunch-time tomorrow may recognise a familiar voice in an unusual role. Conducting his first interview (of the Welsh rugby captain Tony Grey) as a junior reporter will be ex-chorister Aled Jones.**

Light and shade

Diverse artistic tastes are revealed by celebrities who selected works from the Arts Council collection for a touring exhibition opening in Brighton next month. Dame Janet Baker's choices include a painting of Regent's Park by Mary Potter, which she says "captures the essence of soft, gentle English light".



Adie and Clark

Dancer Michael Clark took up the challenge of Gilbert and George's photopiece *Smash*, which he regards as "demanding and a bad risk daring you to like it". Kate Adie was drawn to a darker theme in Andrzej Jackowski's *Tower of Copernicus*.

Mystery prize

After winning the *Prix Medicis* recently, Julian Barnes now has another French literary award coming his way for the same novel, *Flaubert's Parrot*: the Gutenberg prize will shortly be his. With characteristic French perversity, however, they have given him the goodies in the Essay category, as indeed they did for *Prix Medicis*. Also, the French won't even tell him what the prize is worth before he goes. So it's a toss-up whether it will prove more than the air fare.

Gavin Bell

Last few days!
Everything must go

[illegible]

OPEN SUNDAY For Konrad Furs Club Members. [illegible] MON-SAT 9.30AM – 5.30PM SUN MARCH 22ND 11.30AM – 6.30PM

Closing Sunday, 6.30PM

No Reasonable offer refused!

KONRAD FURS
42 Sloane Street,
Knightsbridge, London SW1.
Tel: [illegible]
KONRAD FURS
[illegible]
[illegible]

SOME EXAMPLES OF OUR PRICES	Previous Retail Price	Previous Bargain Price	CLOSING PRICE
FUR LINED RAINCOATS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£99
FOX JACKETS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£135
MINK JACKETS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£169
BLUE FOX THREE QUARTERS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£275
STRANDED RACCOON JACKETS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£399
BLUE FOX COATS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£389
MINK COATS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£399
STRANDED RACCOON COATS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£795
SILVER FOX COATS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£795
STRANDED SAGA FEMALE MINK COATS	[illegible]	[illegible]	£1,995

● We also offer 12 months' interest-free credit with no deposit on purchases over £500, subject to status. Written credit details available on request.
● All major credit cards accepted.
TAX-FREE FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS

مكذ من الإصل

TELEVISION

Picture of good health

Ever felt like pouring a bag of sugar over yourself? It might be performance art, it might be a sickly self-indulgence, but to Jo Spence it is phototherapy.

Wanting to recreate her feelings of disgust at being so dependent on a sugary diet, she photographs herself tipping great mounds of the stuff on her head, so that whenever she is tempted by a spoon of it, she takes a quick glance in the direction of the photo instead, and nausea sets in.

Jo Spence, who was the subject last night's *Arena* (BBC2) is clearly a remarkable lady. She used to be a perfectly ordinary commercial photographer, taking pictures of people as they wanted to appear to be — happy families, happy weddings, happy babies — but finding herself in "an unequal power relationship" with her clients, able to create their icons of their views of themselves, she gave it up.

Now she uses photography to explore feelings about herself. It started when she was sent into hospital to be treated for breast-cancer, rejected the treatment, and started to take pictures of her body as a way of helping herself to come to terms with her state.

She reconstructed pictures of doctors and nurses glaring down at her and decided that even if she was not getting better, she was more firmly in control of her fate and with the help of the photographs could understand it better.

If Ian Potts's careful and sensitive film had ended there, we would have had the impression of a thoughtful artist coming to terms with herself. But phototherapy seems to have become something of an indulgence for her, and she is using it to uncover all sorts of feelings about her past: dressing up in old clothes to find out what it was like to be a schoolgirl, what it was like to be her mother.

Rolls and rolls of film went away, piles of pictures came back. Eventually it became bizarre, with her man-friend dragged into the act, photographed in the shower and in bed as a way of solving her problems about a repressed family upbringing.

All right, the photographs did her some good. But do they do the rest of us any good? You cannot ask the question whether they are good art, since they are justified by being good therapy. Their value is the effect they have. Personally, I am still on sugar.

William Holmes

● Following its successful launching at Stratford and a regional tour, the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *Kiss Me Kate* opens at the Old Vic in London on May 19 (with previews from May 8). Paul Jones, Nichola McAuliffe, Tim Flavin and Fiona Hendley head the cast.

David Sinclair talks to Jonathan Ross, master of barbed bonhomie and host of Channel 4's late night chat show *The Last Resort*

James Gray

Jonathan Ross: a challenge to heavyweights like Wogan and Aspel

A nice line in cheek

I have been watching this show for a few weeks, and I think you're very cheeky," said Boy George to Jonathan Ross, doubtless echoing the opinions of a growing circle of viewers who tune to the Friday night Channel 4 comedy/chat show *The Last Resort* precisely because of Ross's witty line in barbed bonhomie.

"Most of the time you get away with it," George continued, "so I came on tonight hoping you wouldn't." Ross, of course, *did* get away with it, in much the same fashion as he got away with his opening gambit to the actor Timothy Spall — "You've played a lot of fat slobs . . ." — and his repeated presentations of Stevie Starr, a man who swallows and regurgitates live goldfish, among other things, for a living.

For all his disclaimers, it is Ross's amusing and supremely assured interaction with his guests that has converted the end-of-the-pier mixture of breezy irreverent chat, live music and variety-turn titillation that characterizes *The Last Resort* into such a runaway success. Within a month of the start of the first series, Channel 4 had extended its run from 10 to 15 episodes and brought it forward from its round-midnight slot to the more accessible time of 10.30 p.m.

At 26, and with less than a dozen shows behind him, Ross already bears comparison with heavyweights like Terry Wogan and Michael Aspel more readily than he does with the gaggle of "young" Londoner presenters that includes Steve Blackmore, Danny Baker and Gary Crowley.

Born in Camden Town, North London, but brought up in Leytonstone, Ross secured a history degree from London University's School of Slavonic and East European studies — "a place where you form the very obvious sort of ideas that get you a drink in the bar" — before bluffing his way into a job as researcher on Steve Taylor's Channel 4 programme *Loose Talk*, an assignment that must have provided an exemplary insight into how not to conduct a late-night chat show.

While working on his next programme, *Solid Soul*, Ross and his then co-researcher Alan Mark devised *The Last Resort*, based loosely on the American *David Letterman Show*, and formed their own production company, Channel X, for the purposes of making a pilot.

The resulting series is being made as a co-production with Colin Callender's company (responsible for the television presentation of the RSC's *Nicholas Nickleby*), but ownership of the show resides firmly in the hands of Ross and his partner Mark, giving Ross an extraordinary degree of control over his programme. "Everyone's opinion is as valid as mine," he says generously. "It's just nowhere near as important."

The tall, urbane Ross is the epitome of audacious poise in front of the cameras, but offscreen he is a deal more callow and, talking rapidly and compulsively, is given to a healthy expression of doubts that are more in keeping with his novice status and pragmatic disposition. "I've got this far by being diplomatic and using a lot of charm, but I've not really got a very specific idea of myself as a person. I think I should know more about myself by this stage in my life.

"Sometimes I feel I am not fit to hold a conversation with an intelligent adult. I was out of my depth on *Did You See . . ?* partly because I hadn't watched the programmes we were reviewing closely enough but partly because I've lost the art of intelligent conversation."

Unusually in his line of work, Ross puts in a full day as part of the production team; researches many of the guests himself and hopes to meet all of them for a talk *before* they turn up at the television studios. It may be, then, that he is not sailing as close to the wind with some of them as appearances would suggest. The bullying of a reluctant Donny Osmond into an impromptu rendition of "Puppy Love" was, in fact, carefully rehearsed and proved more about Osmond's acting abilities than it did about his willingness to take a joke.

Although a non-active member of the Labour Party, Ross has been characterized as a personification of ambitious Yuppy values and, for a presenter with such obvious youth credibility, he is a remarkably unreconstructed man. Referring to criticisms of his infamous routine with Maria Whittaker, a Page Three glamour model, he says: "Maria was booked as a joke. I went to meet her and I thought 'I'm in trouble, she can't talk, what do I do with her?'. So, like anyone would, I came to the conclusion of blindfolding her and feeding her chocolate mousse. It many ways it was indefensible. I presented her as a dumb sex-object, but then she *is* a sex-object. I certainly fancied her."

Clearly Ross has some way to go before he achieves the safe, family-viewing status of the major television celebrity hosts, and it may not be a road he is particularly keen to take. He speaks with enthusiasm of his idea to produce a series about out-of-the-way film-makers, and claims he has no burning ambition to remain in the public eye.

"I wanted to be on television because it's very flattering to your ego. But, now I've got it, it's not quite what I thought I wanted. It's not unpleasant, but it's not what I was after."

CONCERTS

Look back without anger

Alberni Quartet
Purcell Room

It is cheering to know that a composer old enough to remember every ghastly turn of the unfolding 20th century — a man who was forced out of two countries by the Nazis — should still find within himself music as optimistic and full of civilized discourse as the Fourth Quartet written by Hans Gál in 1971.

The 96-year-old Gál, resident in Edinburgh since 1945, has composed much else since, but this Quartet offers a quintessence of his spirit and craft.

In fact the 20th century hardly enters into either its mood or techniques. Elgar is fleetingly evoked (particularly by the turns of phrase in the spaciously lyrical, central "Elegy"), but even Elgar was feeling the chill of 20th-century neuroses by the time he wrote his chamber music. Gál's Quartet is really a direct spiritual link back to the Austrian tradition of Brahms and Bruckner.

It is argued with old-fashioned concern for tonalities and motivic development, but beguiles the ear by its seemingly artless lyrical riches. Both outer movements vary considerably in pace, but Gál subtly elides the joins, so that all flows seamlessly. There is not a moment of distress, doubt or spite throughout. Even a "Burlesque" scherzo is jaunty. The Alberni Quartet played it with great care and much luscious tone.

This was the final recital of the Park Lane Group's String Quartet Series, which has featured not only Gál but also the six Bartók quartets and Haydn's Op 20 ones. Bartók's Quartet No 6 was allotted to the Albernis, and they delivered it with fine technical resource, but sometimes in too suave a style. Perhaps the spirit of Gál was already upon them.

They also performed Nigel Osborne's quartet, *Lumière*, new to London. It draws inspiration, in a suitably flickering way, from the film of a steam train made in the 1890s by Auguste Lumière — apparently a classic of its genre. Silent films are, though, on the whole best left that way.

Richard Morrison

Rare chemical fusion

LSO/Davis
Barbican

Had the evening's soloist been anyone other than Michelangeli, I would have focused this notice on Sir Colin Davis, the London Symphony Orchestra, and their revelatory performance of Sibelius's First Symphony.

Heady in its activation of textures, supple and instinctive in its logic, this was a performance which sparked a rare chemical fusion of composer's idea, conductor's response, and orchestra's realization.

But Michelangeli did arrive; he did play; and his playing had such an effect on our perception of Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto that it must dominate any report of the evening.

If that sounds like reluctant praise it is, because, despite its hysterical ovations, I do not believe this was a great performance. It was too specific, too self-aware, too limited in its brief. What it achieved was to teach us a way of listening.

The slow movement crystallized his approach. As notes fell, drop by drop, into the line of the piano's melody, its contours were pointed with the obsessive and beautiful clarity of one who has just made a discovery through the lens of a microscope. Even a sequence of repeated chords was treated as a form of minimalism; energy compressed into stasis, movement functioning on a single plane.

What we experienced was the constructional motive of every second. Poise was absolute, purpose uncompromising. It drew accompanying of remarkable concentration from the orchestra; seldom has the final duet between piano and tympani been so significant.

But it left the performance as an artifact, frozen in time; and I am not so sure that the heart of the matter was ever reached.

Hilary Finch

Fits of inspiration

Earl Wild
Wigmore Hall

This recital burst into life with the encores. Mendelssohn's *Andante and Rondo Capriccioso* led the way, its elfin themes light and breathtakingly clear, the final rush of semi-quaver double octaves despatched at dazzling speed, and with that came the prodigious display of technical brilliance that the audience had expected.

The American Earl Wild has long been classed among the virtuosos of the piano. Besides showmanship he plays with a fine regard for correct musical balance and structure, and there should be no reason why his skills cannot be applied to a wide repertoire. Yet on this occasion a varied programme, from Mozart to Ravel, did not always seem to be going his way.

With a selection of the Preludes by Rachmaninov, inspiration began to stir, though even here it was fitful.

The famous G minor received a splashy performance and part of the sentimental E flat major unexpectedly came round twice, though the eloquence of its left hand work pointed towards standards of sensitivity that were to be appreciated later.

In the G sharp minor, the most Russian of the series, Wild at last hit top form; at once forceful and impassioned, gossamer-like and fantastic, the playing summed up what earns this pianist his place among the most individual of the instrument's great technicians today.

Richard Fairman

Never say Dai

THEATRE

Needles Of Light
Riverside Studio

Incredibly, this lamentable play about Welshmen in the Spanish Civil War is actually worse than the play currently at the Riverside Main House, the ludicrous one about Jews in the Venetian ghetto.

That at least set off with a worthy idea that abler hands might have warmed into life.

James Pettifer, author of this Spanish thing, also comes up with one idea of theatrical interest when his battle between republicans and nationalists looks as if it will be acted out by masked, padded figures on a travelling stage of the sort used to show Christian fighting Moor.

The drumming of the Turkish-born Cengiz Saner stirs and alarms the heart; it is martial but promises no glory. But the Britons who answer its call to join the International Brigade hear only its appeal to workers' solidarity.

By now we have left Spain for the Welsh valleys where Mosley's black shirts are doing battle with colliers. "We've won!" cries a nurse, with a light gleaming in her proud eyes.

So it is off to Collet's Bookshop, London, where a Cambridge scholar with an Auden haircut is terribly disillusioned with Plato. A short pause on a bridge in Paris to commune drunkenly with a statue of Napoleon and our two colliers are at Albacete where Nurse is already counting bottles of coloured water at a field station.

One of the colliers is really Spanish and his sister has volunteered for a brave deed. ("I know your sister means a lot to you.") She is caught. ("They'll torture, oh no, no, no!"). Meanwhile the classicist is quoting Pindar under fire and casting his eye on the horizon. ("It can't be. It is! The armoured train from Barcelona!").

What *is* it all for, this trudge through the deadly incompetence of 50 years ago? Ill-conceived love scenes, death scenes, oh-the-futility scenes are punctuated by notes on the *dulzaina* described as "high-pitched but pungent", or on the *zurna*, "dramatically penetrating." I extend my sympathies to the cast and to audiences at Mold and Salisbury, whither this production is shortly bound.

Jeremy Kingston

Donald Cooper

Beat of a different drummer: Cengiz Saner in *Needles of Light*

Leaving nerve ends raw

ROCK

Tom Verlaine
Town and Country

By the end of the fourth number, "Dissolve", the most exciting thing to have happened visually was the accidental toppling of one of Jay Dee Daugherty's cymbal stands.

After this one could begin to see why Tom Verlaine has failed to convert his undoubted influence as one of the founder members of the American 1970s "new wave" movement into a wider commercial manifesto after the fashion of other New York contemporaries like David Byrne and Talking Heads.

The group's rehearsal-room approach to stagecraft was reflected most disappointingly in Verlaine's singular lack of projection as a vocalist, a failing which left the raw nerve ends of the songs uncomfortably exposed, and gave an impression of the material as work in progress rather than as a rounded presentation.

His voice fell to little more than a croaking whisper during "Kingdom Come" and even the slow, quieter backing on "The Scientist Writes a Letter" swamped the melody as sung.

But as the set developed, with simple, single-colour lighting changes to mark the different songs, attention was increasingly drawn to the ascetic intensity of Verlaine's unique style of guitar playing.

Using his preferred instrument, the staid, unfashionable Jazzmaster, he chucked out asymmetical flurries of notes; hardened by a ragged stinging vibrato, that cut doggedly across the beat during "Bomb" and thundered with a sinister tension against Fred Smith's quasi-reggae bassline and Jimmy Ripp's light, skipping rhythm chords during "Clear It Away".

After the band had sloped back for an encore, the cards were laid squarely on the table when the old Television favourites — "Marquee Moon" and "Glory" together with a version of Count Five's 1966 American hit "Psychotic Reaction" — were strung out as vehicles for the kind of dishevelled ensemble jamming not often heard since the days of the counter-culture guitar groups of the Sixties.

The gig thus became an altar where the converted could worship, but offered little encouragement to the bystander thinking of joining the church.

David Sinclair

Swans and some ugly ducklings

Swan Lake
Covent Garden

There have been three-and-a-half casts so far in the Royal Ballet's new *Swan Lake*, but it has not mattered much which leading couple you saw.

None has been really bad, but neither have they met the standards of brilliance and expressiveness we used to expect from this company.

Phillip Broomhead, dancing his first Siegfried on Thursday night, proved temperamentally the best so far.

He looks young, clean cut, and polite (no small virtue in a production full of surprisingly ill-mannered behaviour). Attentive and eager, his manner goes far to hide the absence of logic in the way the character is presented.

I cannot believe that Anthony Dowell in his dancing days would have been happy in the role as he has set it.

DANCE

Among other casts since the first night Harvey and Cope, one has to admire Stephen Jefferies' dramatic care and his pirouettes, and too the courtliness, elegance, and romanticism of Jay Jolley.

Both partnered Fiona Chadwick, a gentle Odette and an Odile who would probably dazzle more if she tried less hard. Ravenna Tucker, with Broomhead, had one dramatic moment at the end of act two to show how dry the rest of her dancing was, however wholehearted.

In the supporting cast, only Derek Rencher's Rothbart really demands comment: much the most evil I can remember. Nobody else stands out, and that is not always because of the way they perform.

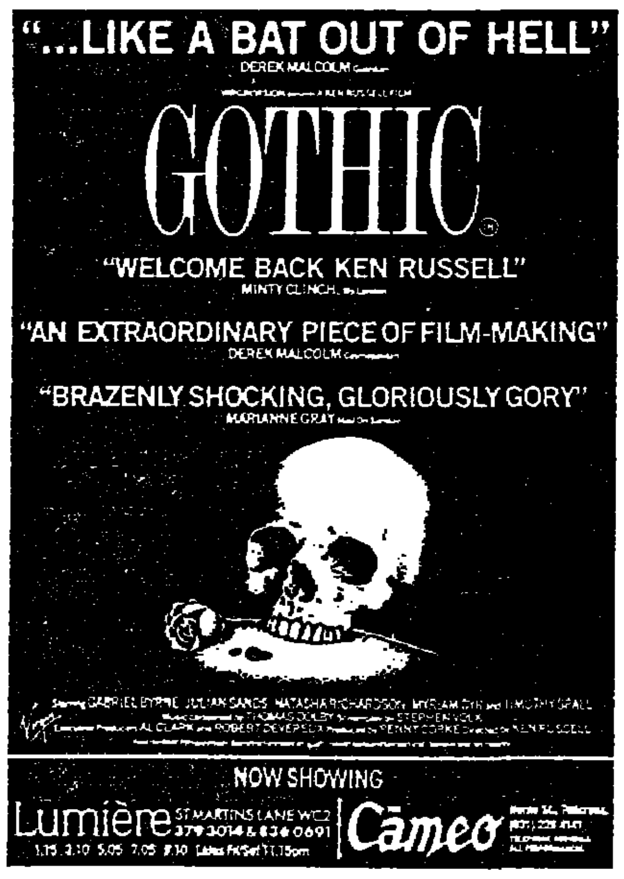
Excessively busy and unfocused stage action, overwhelming and over-decorated designs, hamper the dancers.

Yet amid the trouncing he has received on almost all sides, Dowell deserves credit for looking back to the origins of the ballet as we know it and eliminating many modern accretions.

Since realism suggests that we shall have to live for a time with this over-costly production, what can be done to improve it?

First, obviously, strip away much of the present silly detail in action and settings (the latter process has already begun with the removal of an ugly swan statue).

John Percival



"...LIKE A BAT OUT OF HELL"
DEREK MALCOLM

GOTHIC

"WELCOME BACK KEN RUSSELL"
MINTY CLINCH

"AN EXTRAORDINARY PIECE OF FILM-MAKING"
DEREK MALCOLM

"BRAZENLY SHOCKING, GLORIOUSLY GORY"
MARIANNE GRAY

NOW SHOWING

Lumière ST MARTINS LANE WC2 379 3014 & 836 0691
1.15 3.10 5.05 7.05 9.10

Cameo

LEARN to DRAW • LEARN to PAINT
For Pleasure and Profit

Anyone can learn to draw and paint if they learn the techniques. Now you can learn in the comfort of your own home with expert personal tuition from the Art School.

Your lessons are prepared by senior people from top Art colleges . . . you get all the art materials you could need . . . and your personal Tutor on Tape gives you individual coaching.

FREE: 'Drawing & Painting for Profit'

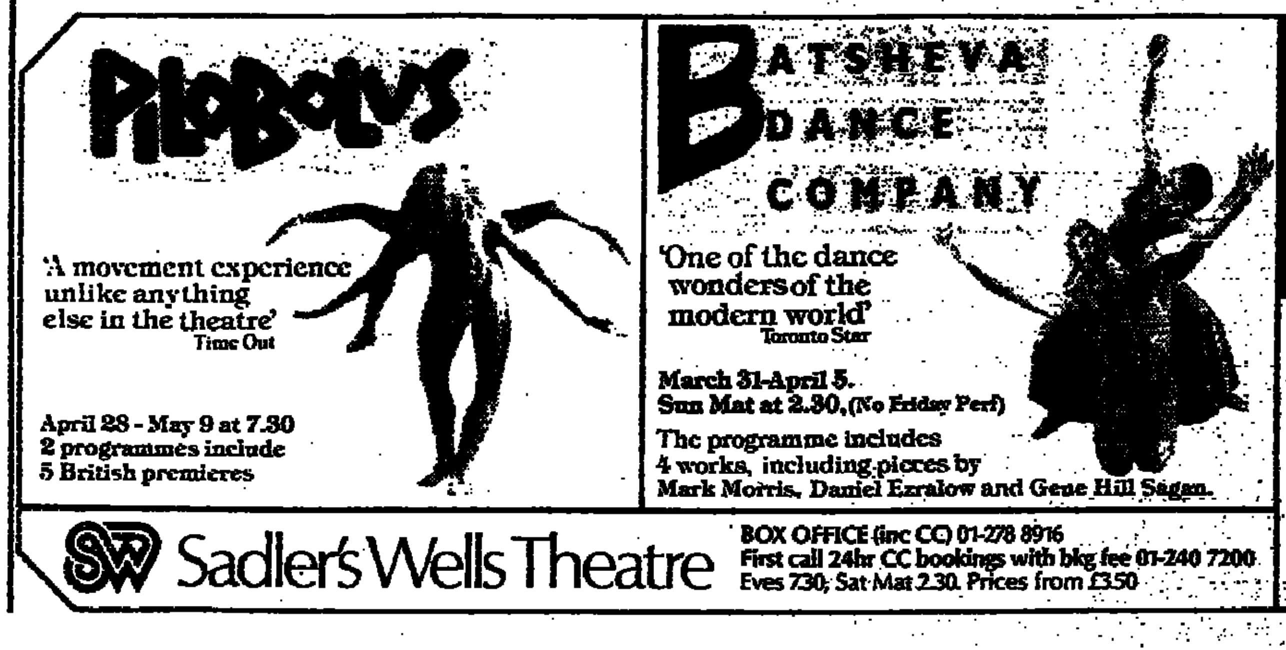
Every Art School student receives a free copy of *Drawing & Painting for Profit*. This unique book shows you dozens of money-making openings you won't have thought of.

Whether you want to exhibit your work, sell your work, or simply draw and paint for your own pleasure, the Art School can help you.

Write today (no stamp needed) for your FREE Colour Brochure and details of the Art School Course to:

THE ART SCHOOL

FREEPOST CS7, London N22 6BR.
or FREE CALL 0800 282 468 (24 HOUR SERVICE)
MEMBER OF THE LEISURE STUDY GROUP



PILOBOLUS

'A movement experience unlike anything else in the theatre'
Time Out

April 28 - May 9 at 7.30
2 programmes include
5 British premieres

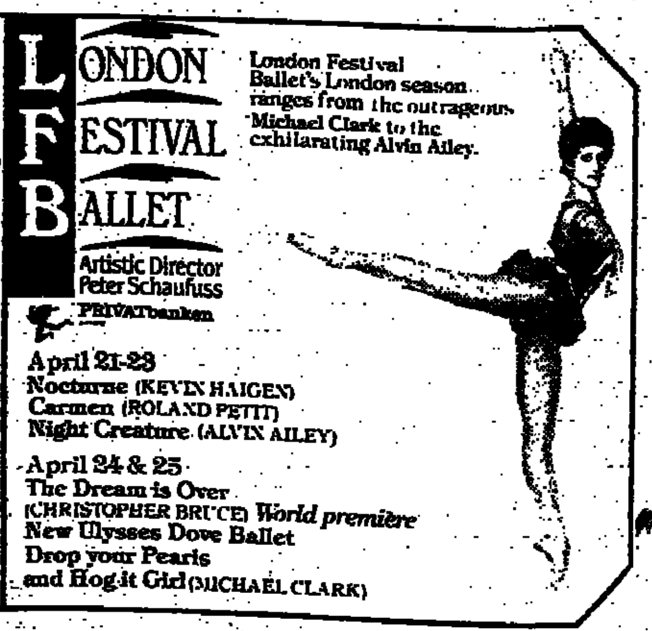
BATSHEVA DANCE COMPANY

'One of the dance wonders of the modern world'
Toronto Star

March 31-April 5.
Sun Mat at 2.30. (No Friday Perf)
The programme includes 4 works, including pieces by Mark Morris, Daniel Ezralow and Gene Hill Sagan.

Sadler's Wells Theatre

BOX OFFICE (inc CC) 01-278 8916
First call 24hr CC bookings with bkg fee 01-240 7200
Eves 7.30; Sat Mat 2.30. Prices from £3.50



LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET

Artistic Director
Peter Schaufuss

PRIVATbanken

London Festival Ballet's London season ranges from the outrageous Michael Clark to the exhilarating Alvin Ailey.

April 21-23
Nocturne (KEVIN HAIGEN)
Carmen (ROLAND PETIT)
Night Creature (ALVIN AILEY)

April 24 & 25
The Dream is Over (CHRISTOPHER BRUCE) *World première*
New Ulysses Dove Ballet
Drop your Pearls and Hog it Girl (MICHAEL CLARK)

هكذا من الإصل

Celebrating the best of British

Concluding our two-part guide to the top European festivals of the year, Anne Whitehouse gives a selection of British arts programmes

MARCH

CAMDEN FESTIVAL
Opera programme features premieres of *Silverlake* and *Happy End* (music by Kurt Weill), *Atalanta* and *The Prodigal Son*, plus new production of Britten's *Curlew River*. World premiere of ballet *Upsud* by Erik Satie is closing event. Also film, theatre, international section, rock, soul, children's events and jazz week.
March 21-April 11: St Pancras Library, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 2AJ. (01-278 4444 ext 2471).

APRIL

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
Performances of *Macbeth* and *King Lear* on Globe Museum's replica 1616 stage are among highlights of festival centred on designs for new Globe Playhouse at Southwark. Also a play about Shakespeare, scenes from *Romeo and Juliet* in the courtyard of the George Inn and Shakespeare birthday celebration in Southwark Cathedral.
April 11-26: Shakespeare Globe Museum, Bear Gardens, Bankside, London SE1. (01-928 6342).

HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL
Fifteenth festival features 25 foreign groups and over 1,700 young musicians and dancers, from Britain, Scandinavia, Europe, Australia, Canada and the US. Concerts and marching bands, jazz, choirs, dance troupes, percussion and electronic ensembles and steel bands, with Grand Easter Parade and Farewell Concert.
April 15-21: Details: Concertworld, 6 Belmont Hill, London SE13 5BD. (01-852 2035).

LONDON HANDEL FESTIVAL
Tenth festival includes reproduction of concert of Handel and Gluck given in 1746, plus a programme of chamber music written by members of the Royal Society of Musicians of Handel's time. Also a performance of Handel's *Esther*. Soloists include Gillian Fisher and Ian Partridge. London Handel Orchestra under Denys Darlow. St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1.
April 25-May 2: Francis House, Francis Street, London SW1P 1DE. (01-828 6913).

MAY

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL
This year's theme is myths, magic and legends, with a major celebration of the arts from the Nordic countries. Highlights include the Drottningholm Court Theatre performing *Don Giovanni* and *Idomeneo*; the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra performing the complete Sibelius symphonies; recitals in the Royal Pavilion and at Glydebourne, and international gathering of new theatre, dance and performance work.
May 1-24: Booking open. Brighton Arts Information Centre, 111 Church Street, Brighton BN1 1UD. (0273 676926).

WRITING 87
Tenth Lancaster Literature Festival includes appearances by novelists Alasdair Gray, A. S. Byatt and David Craig, with poetry readings and talks from Fred D'Aguiar, Oliver Reynolds and John Latham. Also jazz concert, radio drama workshop, cabaret from the Raving Beauties, children's events and theatre from Hull Truck, Ludus Dance Company and Northern Black Lights Theatre.
May 3-9: Duke's Playhouse, Moor Lane, Lancaster. Festival Office: 67 Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1ET. (0524 62166).

MAYFEST
Fifth Mayfest includes world premiere of *The Sleep*, multi-media work from England and British premieres of Gilbert & Sullivan in Spanish by Dagoll Dagom, Japanese harp work by Sawai Koto Ensemble and dance pieces from Ariadone from Japan and Adriana Borriello from Italy. Dansprouduktie from the Netherlands present British premiere of Samuel Beckett play, and 7:84 from Scotland present *The Gorbals Story* by Robert McLeish. Companies also from Belgium, the US, South Africa and France, with Jacques Loussier, George Gershwin tribute and community events programme.
May 3-23: Mayfest, Freepost, Glasgow G1 3BR. (041 221 0232).

NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL
1987 programme includes the Royal Philharmonic and Philharmonia Orchestras, City of London Sinfonia, Academy of Ancient Music and Amadeus Quartet. Soloists include Janet Baker, Peter Katin, Christopher Hogwood, Antal Dorati, George Melly and Humphrey Lyttelton. Booking open.
May 6-16: Suite 4, Town Hall, Newbury, Berkshire. (0635 32421).

HARROGATE SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL
Performances by English Chamber Orchestra, Gabrieli String Quartet, with Paul Tortelier (cello) and Geoffrey Pratley (piano); plus programme of Mozart's life and music with London Mozart Players and Jane Glover.
May 7-10: Box Office, Royal Baths, Harrogate HG1 2RR. (0423 65757) (after April 14).

LONDON INTERNATIONAL OPERA FESTIVAL
Twentieth century opera season including Maxwell Davies's *The Martyrdom of St Magnus* by Opera Factory and London Sinfonietta, Ian McQueen's *Acts of Faith* by Cockpit Opera, Harrison Birtwistle's *Down by the Greenwood Side* and Michael Nyman's *Wide Brims, Narrow Minds*. Performances also by students from Royal College of Music, National Opera Studio and Morley Opera. Films, talks, young people's days and free open air events in Covent Garden Piazza, plus Maria Callas exhibition.
May 7-June 5: Donmar Warehouse and other London venues. Donmar Warehouse Theatre, 41 Earlham Street, London WC2H 9LD. (01-379 6565).

PORTSMOUTH FESTIVAL
1987 celebrates 200th anniversary of sailing of First Fleet from Portsmouth to colonize Australia, with focus on Australian and British art. Australian premieres include *The Transports*, a folk opera by Peter Bellamy and *The Dreamers*, performed by the Western Australian Theatre Company. Also performances by Aboriginal Dance group, Australia's leading Bush Band and the Australian Ensemble in programme of chamber music.
May 13-31: Festival Office, Guildhall, Portsmouth PO1 2AD. (0705 834182).

MALVERN FESTIVAL
Features work of Elgar, Vaughan Williams and contemporaries, with performances by Polish Chamber Orchestra, Fine Arts Brass Ensemble and Philharmonia. Theatre includes world premiere of William Douglas Home's *Portraits*, based on life of Augustus John. Also lectures, literary luncheon and exhibitions on Vaughan Williams and Gerald Finzi.
May 17-30: Box Office, Malvern Festival Theatre, Grange Road, Malvern. (06845 3377).

PERTH FESTIVAL
Sixteenth festival features Malcolm Arnold conducting his own and other works, including Walton's *Façade* and Howard Blake's dramatic oratorio *Benedictus*. Appearances by Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Polish Chamber Orchestra, Scottish Ballet and George Chisholm's Dixieland Jazz; plus films and art exhibitions.
May 20-31: Concorde Box Office, Scott Street, Perth. (0738 22900).

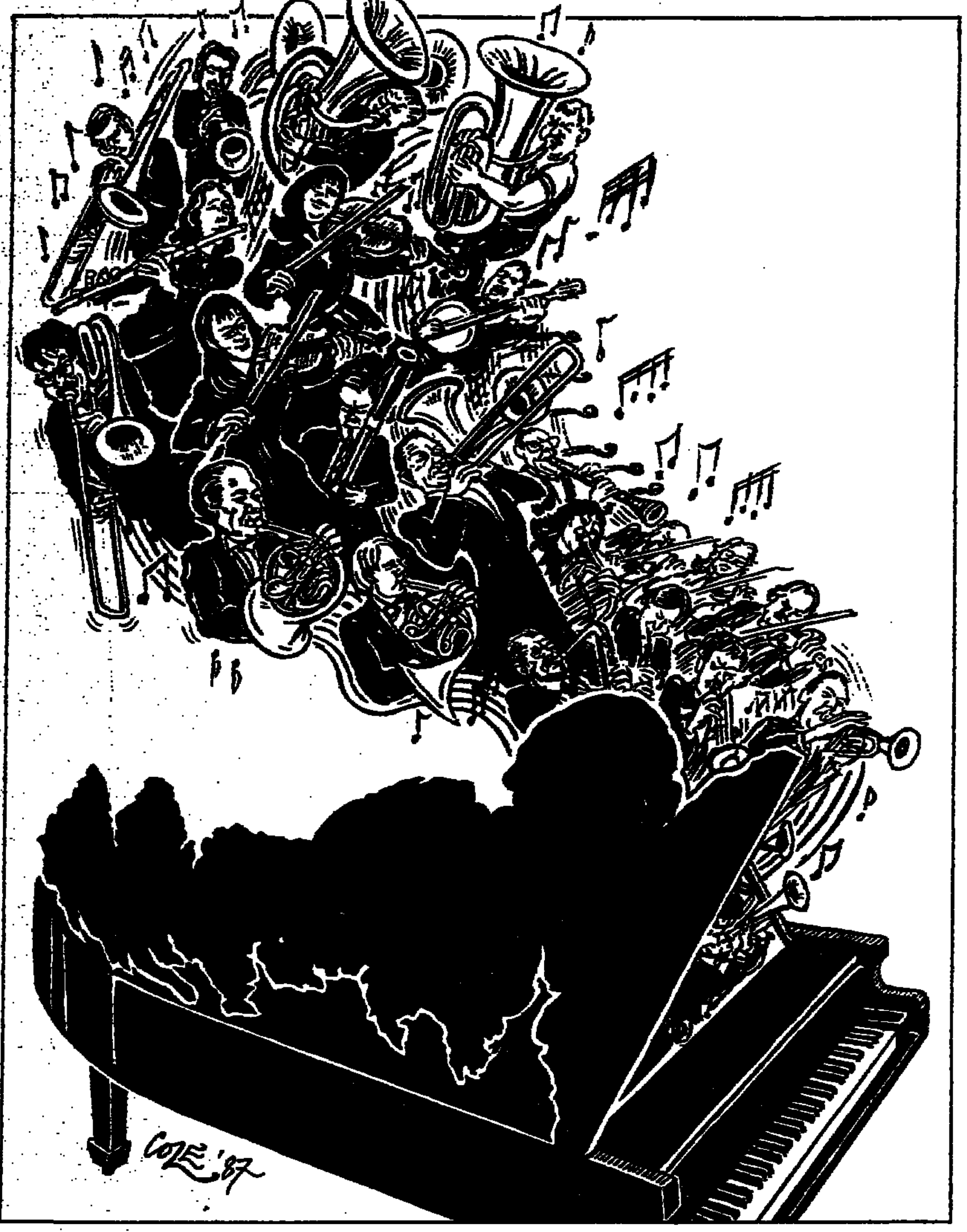
BATH FESTIVAL
1987 programme celebrates the culture of Italy and Russia, featuring the Moscow Virtuosi, Shura Cherkassky, Teatro Gioco Vita, Josef Suk, Paata Burchuladze and Vladimir Ashkenazy. Also jazz, contemporary art fair, exhibitions, dance, *commedia dell'arte*, children's and fringe events.
May 22-June 7: Booking open. Bath International Festival, Linley House, 1 Pierrepont Place, Bath BA1 1JY. (0225 63362 or 66411).

NOTTINGHAM FESTIVAL
1987 festival features Opera North in British premiere of Richard Strauss's *Daphne*; and Nottingham Playhouse in plays by Shakespeare, Howard Brenton and David Hare. Concerts by Baltimore Symphony Orchestra with Radu Lupu, Polish Chamber Orchestra directed by Iona Brown, London Community Gospel Choir and Georgian State Dancers. Other stars include Mike Harding, Tom Jones, Roger Whittaker and Loose Tubes.
May 23-June 7: Arts Department, 51 Castle Gate, Nottingham NG1 6AF. (0602 411811 ext 33).

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA
Seven operas include new productions of *La Traviata*, conducted by Bernard Haitink, directed by Peter Hall; and Ravel double bill, conducted by Simon Rattle, directed by Frank Corsaro. Also revivals of *Carmen*, *Cosi fan tutte*, *Capriccio* and *Porgy and Bess*.
May 24-Aug 22: Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex BN8 5UU. (0273 812321).

RIPON FESTIVALS
Three festivals (King Alfred, St Wilfrid's and King Athelstan's) following last year's 1,100th anniversary of the City's first charter. Includes inaugural concert of new Heritage Orchestra in Ripon Cathedral, London Festival Orchestra with Heather Harper, and Charles Dickens evening to launch new branch of Dickens Society.
May 22-June 17, July 25-Aug 9 and Sep 18-Oct 11: Town Hall, Market Place, Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 1BZ. (0765 4097).

GREENWICH FESTIVAL
Festival opens with open-air concert in the Cutty Sark Gardens, plus colourful Caribbean carnival and fireworks over the Thames. Classical music, theatre and literary events, rock, reggae, jazz, folk, children's and fringe events. Programme published April.
May 29-June 14: Greenwich Festival, 25 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6EU. (01-317 8687).



JUNE

ALMEIDA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
Seventh festival of contemporary music focuses on Vienna, with composers including Friedrich Cerha, Gottfried von Einem, Heinz Karl Gruber, Ernst Krenek and Kurt Schwertsik. Concerts, opera, cabaret, theatre, film, poetry and discussion, on Vienna and Europe.
June 2-July 6: Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, Islington, London N1 1TA. (01-359 4404).

SPITALFIELDS FESTIVAL
Endymion Ensemble perform *Mozart Requiem*, with Sheila Armstrong, Felicity Palmer, Maldwyn Davies and John Tomlinson; plus a performance of Gluck's *Iphigénie en Aulide*, including John Shirley-Quirk and Isobel Poulenade. Appearances also by Amaryllis Consort, Endellion Quartet, Capricorn, Northern Sinfonia and Georgian Group.
June 2-24: Details: 29 Marmion Road, London SW11 5PD. (01-223 9594).

THREE SPIRES FESTIVAL
Highlights include Britten *War Requiem* in Truro Cathedral by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, with Heather Harper, Martyn Hill and Stephen Roberts, conducted by Richard Hickox; and *An Evening With Queen Victoria*, with Prunella Scales and Christopher Kyte.
June 12-27: Bryher, Norway Lane, Perranarworthal, Truro, Cornwall TR3 7NU. (0872 863346).

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL
Fortieth festival programme includes Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia* by Britten-Pears school, and first British performance of *Façade* in production created for Zurich Festival. Concerts to celebrate David Bedford's 50th birthday and Mieczyslaw Horszowki's 95th birthday (with Horszowski at the piano), and Julian Bream concert of Elizabethan and Jacobean music. Premieres of new works by Henze and Ned Rorem.
June 12-28: Box Office, Aldeburgh Foundation, High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk IP15 5AX. (072 885 3543/2935).

YORK UNIVERSITY SUMMER FESTIVAL
Victorian festival to commemorate first Hovingham Festival of 1887. Artists include Ian Partridge and Thomas Thomaschke, with music by Schumann, Mendelssohn and Mozart, 19th-century costumed cricket match and Victorian banquet.
June 17-25: Box Office, Music Department, York University, Heslington, York YO1 5DD. (0904 430000 ext 5959).

ST MAGNUS FESTIVAL
This year's festival includes Peter Maxwell Davies's opera, *The Martyrdom of St Magnus*, and a newly-commissioned work by William Sweeney. Hollywood film composer/conductor John Williams conducts "Pops" concert with BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and Vladimir Ashkenazy gives celebrity recital. Appearances also by Edinburgh Quartet, Consort of Musicke and Stord Choir from Norway, plus drama from "Tick Tock".
June 19-24: Festival Office, 22 St Catherine's Place, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1HX. (0856 2433).

BROADSTAIRS DICKENS FESTIVAL
This year's annual festival celebrates Dickens's first visit to Broadstairs in 1837, as well as the festival's 50th anniversary. Plays, readings Victorian bathing, festival ball and re-enactments of life in Dickensian England.
June 20-27: Details: Festival Organizer, Lancaster House, Serene Place, Broadstairs, Kent. (0843 62853).

LUDLOW FESTIVAL
Open-air performances of *Richard II* in Ludlow Castle form centrepiece of 28th festival, and John Davies Singers premiere a new work by William Mathias in Sam Burgess Memorial Concert. Also Peter Barkworth in *Siegfried Sassoon*, an evening with Emlyn Hughes, and Derek Jacobi and Isla Blair present programme based on Byron's writing. Performances by City of London Sinfonia, Anthony Goldstone and Alan Price in concert.
June 20-July 5: General booking from May. Box Office, Castle Square, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1AY. (0584 2150).

POLESDEN LACEY SUMMER SEASON: Performances of *Twelfth Night*, *The Gondoliers* and *La Belle Hélène* in open theatre. Also Poseden Fair and summer evening of traditional jazz by Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen.
June 24-July 12: Box Office, National Trust, Polesden Lacey, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6BD. (0372 57223).

JULY

YORK EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL
Venice and the carnival spirit is theme of 10th festival, with performances by Academy of Ancient Music, Consort of Musicke, Renaissance Dance Company of London and Parley of Instruments. Fitzwilliam Ensemble perform Compline by candlelight, with 17th-century Venetian music researched for the occasion, and John Julius Norwich lectures on Venetian art and architecture. Courses in early and Italian Renaissance dance, singing master classes with Emma Kirkby, masked ball and *commedia dell'arte*, Venetian exhibitions, mystery plays and medieval drama.
July 3-12: Booking from May. 1 Museum Street, York YO1 2DT. (0904 58338).

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL
Thirteenth Chichester Festivities include performances by Gillian Weir, with Chichester Cathedral choir, Kyung-Wha Chung playing unaccompanied Bach, Guildhall Strings with Michala Petri and London Mozart Players with Tamas Vasary. Also John Williams with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra and Royal Fireworks Concert at Goodwood Racecourse.
July 4-18: Chichester 912 Festivities. Canon Gate House, South Street, Chichester, Sussex PO19 1PU. (0243 785718).

CHELTENHAM INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC
Forty-third festival focuses on music of Britain, France and Norway, with premieres of Judith Weir's *A Night at the Chinese Opera*, commissioned by the BBC, performed by Kent Opera; John Tavener's *Eis Thanaton*, and new string quartets by Stephen Dodgson and Antony Gilbert. Also celebration of work by Norwegian composer Fartein Valen to mark centenary of his birth, plus jazz, film, morris dancers, street events and festival fringe.
July 4-19: Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham, Glos. GL50 1QA. (0242 523690).

SHREWSBURY INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
Ninth festival highlights include outdoor extravaganza at Shrewsbury Castle, choral/orchestral evening in Shrewsbury Abbey and concerts in Shrewsbury Music Hall. Choruses and ensembles from Israel, USA, Belgium, Norway, Taiwan and Switzerland.
July 5-17: Details: Concertworld, 6 Belmont Hill, London SE13 5BD. (01-852 2035).

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL
Programme includes first performances of Gluck's *La Corona* by Thameside Opera and Françaix's *Piano Trio* in Middle Temple Hall. Haydn's *Nelson Mass* and Berlioz's *Grande Messe des Morts* will be performed in St Paul's Cathedral, with jazz, cabaret and pub theatre in the Christopher Wren pub. Celebrity readings by Timothy West, Janet Suzman and Bob Holness; Stephane Grapelli evening and "Marking Time" photography exhibition at Museum of London, with workshops, lectures and competition.
July 5-25: Festival Office, City Arts Trust, Bishopsgate Hall, 24-30 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4QH. (01-377 0540).

HENLEY FESTIVAL
Fifth festival features floating stage concerts by Scottish Chamber Orchestra, with Barry Tuckwell; Royal Philharmonic and Philharmonia Orchestras, and BBC Concert Orchestra, with Henley Festival Dancers. Performances in the marquee by the Fairer Sax and John Harle's Berliner Band. Also Beating of Retreat and firework spectacular.
July 8-11: Box Office, 27 Hart Street, Henley, Oxon. RG9 2AR. (0491 575751/575834). (From mid April).

PROMENADE CONCERTS
Ninty-third season of Henry Wood concerts runs from July 17 to Sept 12. Guide with full details available from May 6, postal booking opens June 1.
June 29: Personal booking begin at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7. (01-589 8212/01-589 9465).

FISHGUARD MUSIC FESTIVAL
Highlights include Mendelssohn's *Elijah* by Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Fishguard Philharmonic Choir in St David's Cathedral, plus Beethoven's *The Kingdom of the Spirit* with Medici String Quartet and Derek Jacobi. New works by Alun Hoddinott, Trevor Roberts and Mervyn Burtch. Also exhibition of Pembrokeshire artists.
July 18-25: Programme available April. Festival Office, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, Dyfed SA65 9BJ. (0348 873612).

CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL
This year's focus is "Made in Britain" theme, with performances from Ulster-born pianist Barry Douglas, Philip Langridge, Gillian Weir, Trevor Pinnock and Anthony Rooley, plus premieres of works by Michael Berkeley and Anthony Payne. Appearances by Consort of Musicke, Hallé Orchestra, Medici String Quartet, Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Loose Tubes. Also films, literary events, street theatre, children's events, fireworks and circus burlesque. Programme published May.
July 18-Aug 2: Festival Office, Kett House, Station Road, Cambridge CB1 2JX. (0223 358977). Box Office: Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street, Cambridge. (0223 357851).

SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS FESTIVAL
This year's festival takes place in Winchester and includes first performance of *Lauds* by Jonathan Harvey. Concerts by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, with Jennifer Smith (soprano), and Bournemouth Sinfonietta, and organ recital by James Lancelot. Recitals by three cathedral choirs of Winchester, Chichester and Salisbury, choral matins and evensong, festival eucharist, music with readings, exhibitions and festival jazz.
July 22-26: 10 The Close, Winchester, SO23 9LS. (0962 54392).

KING'S LYNN
This year's theme is Czechoslovakia, with composer-in-residence Gordon Crosse. Performances from Philharmonia Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Libor Pesek, Josef Suk, Panocha String Quartet and Nash Ensemble. Also contemporary music, theatre, dance, exhibitions, films, literary events and children's and fringe events.
July 24-Aug 1: Booking opens May. Programme published April. Festival Office, 27 King Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE30 1HA. (0553 773578).

AUGUST

ROYAL NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES
Celebration of Welsh tradition and heritage features BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, and National Youth Orchestra and Youth Choir of Wales. Performances of *Carmina Burana* and Mozart's *Requiem*, arts and crafts and science exhibitions, sessions by Welsh rock bands and traditional entertainments.
Aug 1-8: Swyddfa'r Eisteddford, 7 Bank Place, Porthmadog, Gwynedd LL49 9AA. (0766 2245).

HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
Artists include English Sinfonia with Sir Charles Groves, Royal Philharmonic with Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Guildhall String Ensemble and Domus Piano Quartet. Also Georgie Fame and Max Jaffa. Programme available in April.
Aug 1-12: Royal Baths, Harrogate HG1 2RR. (0423 62303).

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL
Forty-first festival celebrates arts of Soviet Union to mark 70th anniversary of October Revolution, with orchestra of Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre and Gorky Theatre of Leningrad. World theatre season, with companies from USSR, USA, Japan, China, Papua New Guinea, and Pittsburgh Symphony as resident orchestra. Performances also by National Opera and Ballet Company of Finland, jazz and book festivals, exhibitions of Scottish and Russian art, military tattoo and fireworks, plus full festival fringe.
Aug 9-31: Festival Offices, 21 Market Street, Edinburgh EH1 1BW. (031 225 5756).

THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL
Worcester hosts the 260th festival, which celebrates the anniversaries of Borodin, Gershwin, Szymanowski and Faure's *Requiem*. Penderecki conducts his own *Te Deum* and for the first time there will be a quartet in residence. Leading orchestras are balanced by the London Early Music Group, English String Orchestra and Grenadier Guards with ceremonial trumpets. Fringe events include youth opera, jazz, vintage cars and aircraft.
Aug 22-29: Programme published March. Gaudeamus, 8 Park View Terrace, Worcester WR3 7AG. (0905 613988).

SEPTEMBER

SALISBURY FESTIVAL
Tenth festival concentrates on earth theme, with performances in the cathedral of Haydn's *Creation*, Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde* and Vaughan Williams's *Pastoral Symphony*, plus chamber evenings in local stately homes. Cabaret, dance, mime, pop bands, real ale, jazz festival and fringe events in Salisbury Arts Centre and City Hall.
Sept 5-19: Festival Office, The King's Close, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 2EN. ((0722 23883).

LEEDS CASTLE
Five-week arts festival features three ballets by Sadlers Wells in 1,200-seat Big Top in castle grounds. Also operatic and orchestral concerts, celebrity recitals and jazz.
Sept 8-Oct 10: Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent ME17 1PL. (0622 65400).

CANTERBURY FESTIVAL
The Arts of England and the English Language is this year's theme. Highlights include Kent Opera performing *Fidelio*, *Die Zauberflöte* and *A Night at the Chinese Opera*, by Judith Weir, plus master classes with John Ogden and Imogen Cooper.
Sept 27-Oct 17: Festival Office, 59 Ivy Lane, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1TU. (0227 452853).

SWANSEA FESTIVAL
Fortieth anniversary of festival features concerts by Leningrad Philharmonic, BBC Welsh Symphony and English Chamber Orchestras, plus Medici and Borodin quartets, recitals and jazz. The Grand Theatre re-opens after major renovations with a season by Welsh National Opera. Also a major art exhibition and premiere of work by Daniel Jones, commissioned by the festival.
Sept 28-Oct 17: Programme published May. Civic Information Centre, PO Box 59, Singleton Street, Swansea (0792 468321).

OCTOBER

EARLY MUSIC CENTRE FESTIVAL
Artists include Gothic Voices, Gabrieli Consort and Players, Westminster Cathedral Choir, Camerata of London and Franz Bruggen, with performances at Wigmore Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Westminster Cathedral. Also Dance Jamboree and ceremonial dance from Europe, Africa and India.
Oct 23-31: Early Music Centre, Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR. (01-580 8401).

TIMES SELECTION OF ALPINE PLANTS

Contrary to popular belief, Alpines are not solely restricted to rock gardens; these low growing attractive plants are suitable for a variety of sites in the garden including borders, between gaps in a path or patio, on walls, in troughs and sink gardens, on specially constructed rock gardens, and even Alpine greenhouses.

Varieties offered are: **Anacyclus depressus** (from the Atlas Mountains, North Africa), single daisy-like flowers which have white petals on the upper side contrasting with red undersides. Grows approx. 2" high, with 12" spread. **Houstonia Caerulea:** (from the U.S.A.) known in America as "Bluets", a mass of pale blue star-like flowers in spring and summer. **Penstemon Pinifolius:** (from the U.S.A.) flowers in summer with coral/scarlet tubular flowers. **Alpine Phlox:** (from North America) flowers profusely in spring with colours ranging through many shades of pink, mauve, lilac and white.

All prices are inclusive of post and packing. Please allow up to 28 days for delivery. If you are not satisfied The Times will refund your money without question. In addition to our guarantee you have the benefit of your full statutory rights which are not affected. Send orders to: **The Times Offer, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent DA5 1BL.** *Tel: (0322) 53316 for enquiries only.*

Alpine Thymus: there are a wide range of different types, some are prostrate, most are aromatic, and are summer flowering, mainly red, pink or white. **Alpine Dianthus:** Alpine pinks flower freely in summer, in many shades of red, pink, mauve, and white. There are both single and double flowers. **Alpine Saxifraga:** the main categories are: Mossy Saxifrage, spring flowering in shades of red, pink and white, forming mounds.

Encrusted Saxifrages form large silvery rosettes, with white, pink or pale yellow flowers, blooms spring or early summer. Kabshia Saxifrages flowers in white, pink, red and yellow between February and April—these are suitable for planting in troughs or pans. **Androsace:** (Himalayan area) both Androsace sempervivoides and Androsace sarmentosa come from the high mountains. They are easy to grow, flowering in late spring/early summer, with pink flowers.

Price: £15.95 each set.

THE TIMES

DIAL YOUR ORDER
RAPID ORDERING SERVICE
BY TELEPHONE ON
ACCESS OR VISA
(no need to complete coupon)
0322-58011
24 hours a day - 7 days a week

Please send me .... sets of perennial plants @ £15.95 per set.

I enclose cheque/PO for £............. made payable to The Times Perennial Plant Offer.

Or debit my Access/Visa Card No.

☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Signature ....

Send to: The Times Perennial Offer, Bourne Road, Bexley, Kent DA5 1BL.

Mr/Mrs/Miss ....

Address ....

....

(0322) 53316 for enquiries only. Reg. No. 894646

هكذا من الأصل

THE WEEK AHEAD

THEATRE

HEADPIECE: George Cole stars in *A Piece of my Mind*, the latest comedy by Peter Nichols — and the first fruit of his retirement from the theatre. It covers 20 years in the life of a writer and his family. Others in the cast include Anna Carteret, Gwyneth Strong, Patrick Pearson, Jerome Willis. The play, directed by Justin Greene, was first seen at the Nuffield, Southampton in January and subsequently toured. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue (01-437 2663). Previews from Wed. Opens Apr 1.

DANCE

CYGNET RING: Bryony Brind is among those who will dance this week's performances of the Royal Ballet's new *Swan Lake*. She is one of six who will be performing the part of Odette/Odile this season. Fiona Chadwick and Stephen Jefferies are due to dance this afternoon, Bryony Brind and Mark Silver tonight and Tues, Cynthia Harvey and Jonathan Cope, Wed, and Ravenna Tucker with Phillip Broomhead, Fri. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (01-240 1066).

GALLERIES

EYE CONTACT: From Byzantium to El Greco brings to Britain 70 icons and frescoes, many of which have never been allowed to leave Greece before. Icons are a richly decorative, symbolic form of devotional art and the show's star treasure is a small, early El Greco, signed with his real name Domenikos Theotokopoulos, recently discovered in a small church on Spyros. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052) daily 10am-6pm, £2.50, until June 21. From Fri.

BOOKS

BOOKER RUNNER: Gillian Tindall's latest novel, *To The City*, is set around a family chalet skiing holiday in the Alps. However, it is about the drama and tragi-comedy of modern life, not about the boring old piste. The protagonist, a middle-aged intellectual publisher is headed towards Vienna after the skiing, to come to terms with his past, his roots, his longtime mistress. Tindall as usual is clever and quick and sharp about what makes people tick. Published Thurs by Hutchinson, price £9.95.

CONCERTS

A GOOD REED: Gervase de Peyer, the great clarinettist, gives a concert partnered by some of the artists with whom he has worked frequently over the past years. With the Amadeus Quartet he plays Brahms's Clarinet Quintet. He performs Bartók's *Contrasts* with György Pauk (violin) and Peter Frankl (piano), and Brahms's Clarinet Sonata Op 120 No 1 with Gwenneth Pryor at the piano. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tues, 7.45pm.

FILMS

CROSS ROAD: Anne Bancroft can always be relied upon for dramatic fireworks; she delivers them in *84 Charing Cross Road* (U) even when writing letters. This is the story of the transatlantic romance between Helene Hanff, book-crazed New Yorker, and a retiring London antiquarian bookseller (played by Anthony Hopkins). David Jones directs the tasteful drama — perfect dish to set before the Queen Mother in Monday's Royal Film Performance. Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). From Tues.

THEATRE

OPENINGS

BP YOUNG DIRECTORS FESTIVAL: Three finalists, each directing a full professional production of a recently written play. Jonathan Pope directs *In the Night*, "a political comedy" by James Kelman; Olusola Oyeleye directs her own *Many Voices, One Chant* about five black women of South Africa; Robert Sian directs *Vanity* by Richard Crane, "a dramatic response" to Pushkin's *Eugene Onegin*. Battersea Arts Centre (01-223 2223). *In the Night* opens Wed; until Mar 29. *Many Voices* Apr 1-5. *Vanity* Apr 8-12.

FROM MORNING TILL MIDNIGHT: Frank Marcus's translation of a play by German Expressionist Georg Kaiser, given its first professional stage production in more than 50 years. Sue Dunderdale directs a cast headed by David Bamber as a bank cashier "transformed and fatally diverted by beauty". Soho Poly, 16 Riding House Street, London W1 (01-636 9050). Previews Wed and Thurs. Opens Fri.

LOVE FIELD: Set in the strip club owned by Jack Ruby, killer of Lee Harvey Oswald, in Dallas, November 1963, this commissioned play by Stephen Davis is directed by Simon Stokes. Cast includes William Armstrong, Michael Graham Cox, Aden Gillett, Tony Haygarth and Richard Kane. Bush (01-743 3388). From Wed. Press night Mar 30.

SERIOUS MONEY: New comedy by Caryl Churchill, with music by Colin Sell and one song by Ian Dury. About the Big Bang and City scandals. Max Stafford-Clark directs Linda Bassett, Burt Caesar, Allan Corduner, etc. Royal Court (01-730 1745). Previews from today. Press night Mar 27.

SELECTED

THE FAIR MAID OF THE WEST: The RSC season at the Mermaid opens with last year's Stratford success: Thos Heywood's comedy of love and high jinks on the high seas. The Mermaid (01-236 5568).

MARCH OF THE FALSETTOS: Zippy, witty musical by William Finn concerning the home life of New York bi-sexuals. Lasts one and a quarter hours. Albery (01-836 3878).

MACBETH: New RSC season opens with Adrian Noble's intense, imaginative production; Jonathan Pryce a ferocious regicide. Barbican (01-628 8795).

OUT OF TOWN

BEAMINSTER: Crackling Angels: A Community Play, by David Cregan, telling the story of the town in the 17th and 18th centuries. Promenade performances. St Mary's Church (0308 862422). Opens Mon, until Mar 28; then Mar 31—Apr 4.

GUILDFORD: Canaries Sometimes Sing: Peter Bowles, Sylvia Syms, Liz Robertson, Neil Stacy, directed by Patrick Garland in a 1930s comedy by Frederick Lonsdale. Transfers directly to the Haymarket Theatre, London. Yvonne Arnaud (0483 60191). Opens Tues. Until Apr 11.

MANCHESTER: Fiddler on the Roof: 20 years on from his West End debut in the role, Topol recreates the role of Tevye in the musical about a Jewish community in Tsarist Russia. Three-month season. Opera House (061 831 7766).

FILMS ON TV

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST (1952): Not perhaps quite as sparkling as Wilde would have wanted, but it has a splendidly starry cast, including Michael Redgrave, Joan Greenwood and Edith "handbag" Evans. BBC2, today, 2.45 to 4.20pm.

WILD STRAWBERRIES (1957): For many, Ingmar Bergman's masterpiece. Victor Sjöstrom is marvellous as the elderly professor looking back over his life. BBC2, today, 11.55pm to 1.35am.

ANOTHER COUNTRY (1984): The English public school as the route of betrayal and treason, with Rupert Everett excelling as the young, scarcely-disguised, Guy Burgess. Channel 4, Thurs, 9 to 10.45 pm.

COME ON GEORGE (1939): First of a four-film George Formby season which may explain (but probably not) how the toothy ukelele strummer was once England's most popular comedian. BBC2, Fri, 6 to 7.25 pm.

● It is ironic that the 1930 film *All Quiet on the Western Front* (Channel 4 tomorrow 2.30 to 4.55 pm), the noblest anti-war movie of them all, is told from the viewpoint of the enemy. But Russian-born Lewis Milestone managed to convey Erich Maria Remarque's story of young Germans in the First World War into a profoundly moving monument to peace which transcends national frontiers.

DANCE

SPRING LOADED: Final week of the new dance festival at The Place. The highlight is a solo evening by the Dutch dancer Pauline Daniels (Mon). Also a French group Astrakan (Fri plus March 28). Other programmes change nightly. The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031).

OCCASIONAL DANCE COMPANY: A new work by Sue MacLennan, *Hup*, created with Jane Wells, composer and David Ward, visual artist. Chisenhale Dance Space, Chisenhale Road, London E3 (01-981 6617) tonight.

ON TOUR: Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet is at Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7846) today and Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752-669 595) Mon-Mar 28. Programme is *Coppelia* except Thurs, Fri, when four new ballets are given. Ballet Rambert is at Theatr Clwyd, Mold (0352 55114) today and Birmingham Rep (021 236 4455) Mon-Mar 28.

ROCK

GLORIA GAYNOR: The soul singer who is best remembered for her emotional rallying call of 1979, "I Will Survive". Tonight, Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 257851); Mon and Tues, London Palladium, W1 (01-437 7373); Wed, Savas Club, Usk (02913 2223); Thurs, Pagoda, Carlisle (0228 39233).

GREEN ON RED: Modern roots-rockers from LA led by vocalist Dan Stuart. Imagine Neil Young with a hick-sounding Eighties garage band. Tonight, Leadmill, Sheffield (0742 754500); tomorrow, University of East Anglia, Norwich (0603 505401); Tues, Leeds Polytechnic (0532 462971); Wed, *with Ted Hawkins*, Rock City, Nottingham (0602 412544); Thurs, Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031 668 2019); Fri, International, Manchester (061 224 5050).

THE MISSION: It is little more than a year since the wayward son of Mormon parents and former Sister of Mercy, Wayne Hussey, formed The Mission, but with the hits "Severina" and "Wasteland", the group has tapped into the growing market for old-fashioned rock star heroics. Tonight, Barrowlands, Glasgow (041 552 4601); Mon, Rock City, Nottingham (0602 412544); Tues, The Studio, Bristol (0272 276193); Thurs, Manchester Apollo (061 273 3775); Fri, Birmingham Odeon (021 643 6101).

FILMS

OPENINGS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (PG): The eccentric story of a boy, a girl and a man-eating plant called Audrey II, based on the hit stage musical. Lavishly designed, with Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and many cameo appearances; directed by Muppet man Frank Oz. Warner West End (01-439 0791), Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). From Fri.

FATHERLAND (15): Dour political drama from director Ken Loach and writer Trevor Griffiths, with Gerulf Pannach as the East German *liedermacher* seeking his father in the West. With Fabienne Babe. ICA Cinema (01-930 3647). From Fri.

GOLDEN EIGHTIES (15): Belgian feminist director Chantal Akerman comes the closest yet to mainstream cinema with this exuberantly tart musical set in a garish shopping mall. With Delphine Seyrig, Fanny Cottencon, Myriam Boyer. Plus Akerman's *Un Jour m'a Demandé*, an enjoyable portrait of the choreographer Pina Bausch. Everyman (01-435 1525). From Fri.

SELECTED

COME AND SEE (15): Powerful epic about Nazi atrocities in Belorussia, directed by Elem Klimov, newly-elected president of the Soviet Filmmakers' Union. Curzon Phoenix (formerly Phoenix Theatre) (01-240 9961).

THE GREEN RAY (PG): Eric Rohmer's improvised, garrulous and whimsical tale of a diffident Parisian (Marie Rivière) on holiday. Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742), Renoir (01-837 8402).

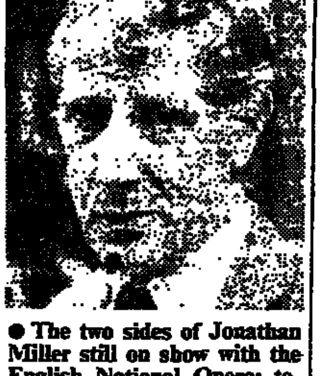
THE COLOUR OF MONEY (15): Scorsese's exciting sequel to *The Hustler*, with Paul Newman as the veteran pool player trying to get back into the game. Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252).

THE FOURTH PROTOCOL (15): Old-hat spy drama from Frederick Forsyth's novel about a Soviet plan to sabotage Nato, with Michael Caine and a stylish supporting cast. John MacKenzie directs. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111).

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Strauss's harlequin opera, *Ariadne auf Naxos* dominates the week: Gundula Janowitz has now taken over in the title role with Edita Gruberova as a brilliantly engaging Zerbinetta. Sir Colin Davis conducts performances on Mon and Thurs at 7.30pm. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Tonight at 5pm its acclaimed new production of the complete *Trojans* at Liverpool's Empire Theatre (051 709 1555). For the week ahead, on to Birmingham for its three repertory works of the season: *La Bohème* on Tues and Thurs, their harum-scarum *Barber of Seville* on Wed, and *Un Ballo in Maschera* on Fri. All performances except *Trojans* start at 7.15pm. Hippodrome, Birmingham (021 622 7486).



● The two sides of Jonathan Miller still on show with the English National Opera: tonight and Fri at 8pm his austere *Tosca*, with Phyllis Cannan in the title role; on Thurs at 7.30pm and Sat Mar 28 at both 3pm and 7.30pm his whiter than white, 1920s-style *Mikado*. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

NEW SADLER'S WELLS OPERA: Continues its nationwide tour of Ruddigore with performances of Ian Judge's witty and elegant production of the G & S mock-melodrama on Mon through Sat Mar 28 at 7.30pm with a Sat matinee at 2.30pm. Grand Theatre, Litchfield Street, Wolverhampton (0902 714775).

JAZZ

LOOSE TUBES: On form, this 21-piece band makes the most thrilling sound in British jazz. Tonight, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747); tomorrow, Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 65065).

MASQUALERO: The Norwegian bassist Arild Andersen leads this interesting quintet. Tonight, Imperial Hotel, Aberdeen (0224 589101); tomorrow, Spring Street Theatre, Hull (0482 23638/224800); Mon, Tim Munday's, Swansea (); Tues Four Bars Inn, Cardiff (0222 374961); Wed, Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476); Thurs, Band on the Wall, Manchester (061 834 1786); Fri, Queen's Hotel, Cheltenham (0242 514724).

ELVIN JONES: His Jazz Machine is always a group worth hearing, but the true focus is always Jones himself, one of the most creative of all jazz drummers, whose volcanic playing with the late John Coltrane in the Sixties set the style for a generation. Mon to Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747).

CONCERTS

CHUNG/LSO: Myung Whun Chung conducts the LSO in Dvorák's Symphony No 6, and in Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1 the soloist is Barry Douglas, Gold Medal winner in the Eighth Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow last year. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, credit cards 01-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm.

NELLY AKOPIAN: This Russian pianist, now resident in London, performs Bach's *French Overture*, Schumann's *Davidsbündlertänze* Op 6 and Brahms's *Klavierstücke* Op 119. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, credit cards 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 3pm.

GERMAN REQUIEM: The Philharmonia Chorus, Orchestra and soloists are conducted by Giuseppe Sinopoli in Brahms's *Ein Deutsches Requiem*. It is preceded by Schubert's Symphony No 4 "The Tragic". Festival Hall. Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ARTURO BENEDETTI MICHELANGELI: The great pianist is heard in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5 "The Emperor". Sir Colin Davis also conducts the LSO in Brahms's Symphony No 2. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, credit cards 01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

CHORUS'S 21st: The London Symphony Chorus marks its 21st birthday with a performance of Beethoven's Mass in C and Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms with the LSO and soloists under Richard Hickox. Barbican Centre. Thurs, 7.45pm.

SINOPOLI/PHILHARMONIA: The Philharmonia Orchestra under Giuseppe Sinopoli again, this time playing the Prelude to Act 1 of Wagner's *Lohengrin* and Richard Strauss's *Tod und Verklärung*. In Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 the soloist is André Watts. Festival Hall. Fri, 7.30pm.

RADIO

● David Penhaligen, the Cornish Liberal MP tragically killed in a car crash just before Christmas, can be heard as Michael Parkinson's guest on *Desert Island Discs*. The show, recorded a few weeks before his death, is being broadcast at his widow's request. Radio 4, tomorrow, 12.15-1pm.

MOLESWORTH: The curse of St Custard's, prep school hero of the Fifties, Nigel Molesworth, is recreated in a new series as a clerical assistant. Willie Rushton stars, and scripts are by Simon Brett, author of the engaging *After Henry*. Radio 4, Mon, 12.27-1pm.

MILLION DOLLAR MICROBES: Alun Lewis examines bio-technology, an industry with mind-boggling potential. But might not the genetic manipulation of microbes also bring appalling dangers? Radio 4, Mon, 7.45-8.15pm.

BARNES' PEOPLE: A quick repeat for Peter Barnes's set of three-handers, beginning with *After The Funeral* (John Hurt, Sean Connery, Donald Pleasance). After the repeats, a previously-unheard monologue by Laurence Olivier, no less. Radio 3, Thurs, 7-7.20pm.

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

ALFRED MUNNINGS (1878-1959): A survey of early impressionistic country scenes by an artist who later sold out to production-line horse painting. Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge Street, Bath (0225 61111), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until April 18. From today.

ART AND DESIGN IN EUROPE AND AMERICA 1800-1900: Two newly-refurbished galleries, Rooms 8 and 9, are opening to cover this huge subject. Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW3 (01-589 6371), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm (closed Fri), Sun 2.30-5.50pm, free. From Wed.

RICHARD DEACON: A new gallery extension is inaugurated with this show of recent works by a much-acclaimed abstract sculptor. Lisson Gallery, 66-68 Bell Street, London NW1 (01-262 1539), Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until April 25. From Thurs.

BRUSH, PEN AND PENCIL: Paintings and drawings done between 1898 and 1930 by the gentlemen artists of the London Sketch Club. King Street Galleries, 17 King Street, London SW1 (01-930 3993), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Thurs 9.30am-8pm, Sat 9.30am-1pm, free, until April 11. From Fri.

SELECTED

JOHN MOORES EXHIBITION: This 15th biennial show of 60 pictures selected from a distinguished entry, including Patrick Heron and Victor Pasmore, was won by Tim Head. Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 227 5234), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, 40p; until April 20.

GABO GRAPHICS: An exhibition of rare late wood engravings to coincide with this sculptor's Tate Gallery retrospective. Kettle's Yard, Northampton Street, Cambridge (0223 352124), Tues-Sat 12.30-5.30pm, Thurs 12.30-7pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until April 20.

TELEVISION

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: Bob Monkhouse returns with a new series of what is billed as the ultimate talent show. BBC1, Sat, 7.45pm.

THE HOUSEMAN'S TALE: Marvellous black comedy about over-worked, over-sexed and boorish junior doctors in a Scottish teaching hospital adapted by Edinburgh consultant Colin Douglas from his novel. BBC1, Sat, 10.30pm.

EL4

SPUTNIKS, BEEPS AND MR PERRY: Enthralling dramatized documentary of how the frontiers of knowledge about Soviet satellites were pushed back by a determined group of schoolchildren at Kettering Grammar School under the inspired leadership of a physics teacher, Geoffrey Perry. Channel 4, Wed, 10-11.05pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY

CROWN AND CAMERA, 1842-1910: The first known photograph of a member of the Royal family and the first photograph of a public demonstration — the Chartist meeting on Kennington Common in 1848 — can be found in this fascinating exhibition drawn from the Royal archives. The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace Mews, Buckingham Palace, London SW1 (01 930 4832).

ENGLAND BY ZOLA: The writer Emile Zola's view of England, London mostly, during his exile here between July 1898 and June 1899, and due to his early death in 1902, undeveloped until February 1987. Institut Français, 17 Queensberry Place, London SW7 (01 589 6211). Until April 13.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

EASTER AT THE BARBICAN: Events include *St Matthew Passion*, sung in German by English Baroque Choir with English Baroque Orchestra; Glory of Easter concert of Handel, Bach and Mozart; and Teddy Bears' Concert with London Concert Orchestra. April 17-18. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

SOUTH BANK CONCERTS: Booking opens Tuesday for May, with highlights including Festival of Germany Arts; Villa-Lobos centenary celebrations; and concerts of contemporary music to complement Le Corbusier exhibition. Appearances by Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Lucia Popp, and Mitsuko Uchida. South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1. (01-928 3191; credit cards 01-928 8800; information 01-928 3002).

HARROGATE SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL: Priority booking opens this week for programme including performances by English Chamber Orchestra with Paul Tortelier, and Gabrieli String Quartet. May 7-10. Box office, Royal Baths, Harrogate. (0423 65757). General booking from March 30. Phone/telephone booking from April 14.

LAST CHANCE

ELIZABETH II: Exhibition in honour of Queen's 60th birthday, with portraits, drawings, sculpture, and press photographs. Ends tomorrow. National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2. (01-930 1552).

GERALD SCARFE: Designs by the political cartoonist and satirist, including work for ENO's *Orpheus in the Underworld* and the MGM film *Pink Floyd, The Wall*. Ends today. Lyttelton Theatre, South Bank, London SE1. (01-928 2033).

Theatre: Tony Patrick and Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Television:** Bob Williams; **Radio:** Nigel Andrews; **Films on TV:** Marcel Berlins; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Photography:** Michael Young; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

The changing face of Elkie Brooks: from left, in 1965, 1973 and today, enjoying a huge commercial and artistic renaissance

No more the has-been

"I hoped I was going to retire when I was 40, but unfortunately I wasn't rich enough to be able to do that," is how 42-year-old Elkie Brooks sums up her feelings on the unlikely longevity of her singing career. But such financial imperatives, together with a voice that has weathered the years with an undiminished capacity, have facilitated an extraordinary commercial and artistic renaissance for one of the most accomplished British vocalists in the field of mainstream commercial balladry.

Having been written off as a spent force by her former record company, A & M — "They wouldn't even return my phone calls" — she negotiated a new contract with Mike Heap's label, Legend, and last November, after more than two years in limbo, released a single, *No More The Fool*, that became her biggest hit ever. The album of the same title has sold over 100,000 copies, and was joined in the Top 10 for a while by a *Best Of...* compilation as a new generation of fans caught up with past successes like *Lilac Wine, Fool If You Think It's Over* and, of course, *Pearl's A Singer*.

She was born Elaine Bookbinder, a baker's daughter, in Salford, Lancashire, and there are still traces of the blunt northern dialect in her speech, and a lack of pretentious showbusiness mystique in her manner. As a youngster she took singing lessons from the cantor of the local synagogue (Elkie is the Yiddish derivation of Elaine) and graduated to the rough and tumble of the rock world as one of the three featured vocalists with jazz fusionists Dada, and in the early seventies as co-vocalist with Roger Palmer in the good-time R 'n' B band Vinegar Joe.

On the advice of her record company, manager and producers alike, her gritty, hard-rocking vocal style was brushed under the carpet as she was groomed for premature middle-of-the road solo stardom, a direction which she now regards with some regret. "They were always trying to rub off the rough edges in my voice, and tart me up in Jean Muir dresses, when I'm actually far more comfortable in casual, funky clothes."

No More The Fool has helped her to re-establish a more comfortable musical environment with versions of songs like Alice Cooper's *Only Women Bleed* and Bob Seger's *We've Got Tonight*, though as a happily-married mother of two sons, Jermaine, aged seven, and Joseph, two months, living in the rural calm of Woody Bay, near Linmouth in Devon, her outlook and priorities are now more in tune with her status as an "adult orientated" entertainer.

Nevertheless, as she is quick to point out, when she embarks this week on her first British tour since 1984 it will not be with the old set-up incorporating a brass section and four backing singers, but with a five-piece rock band of "my favourite musos", including the guitarist Zal Cleminson (formerly of The Sensational Alex Harvey Band) and the celebrated jazz bassist Joe Hubbard. Old and new favourites alike will doubtless benefit from the new-found confidence of a performer who has grown into a belated prime.

David Sinclair

Mon, Cornwall Coliseum, St Austell (072681 4004); Wed, Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 291768); Thurs, Leisure Centre, Gloucester (0452 36498); Fri, Conference Centre, Brighton (0273 203131).